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The first Herring Brook Reservoir Dam consists of an earth embankment with a concrete core wall. The embankment has a top width of 20 ft. and a maximum height of 21.5 ft. The overall length of the dam is 700 ft., including a 42 ft. long concrete spillway. The dam is considered to be in fair condition. It has a size classification of small and a high hazard potential. It is recommended that the owner engage the services of a registered engineer to specify and oversee various procedures.



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REPLY TO ATTENTION OF:

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Honorable Edward J. King Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts State House Boston, Massachusetts 02133

Dear Governor King:

Inclosed is a copy of the First Herring Brook Reservoir Dam (MA-00478) Phase I Inspection Report, prepared under the National Program for Inspection of Non-Federal Dams. This report is based upon a visual inspection, a review of the past performance and a brief hydrological study of the dam. I approve the report and support the findings and recommendations described in Section 7 and ask that you keep me informed of the actions taken to implement them. This follow-up action is vitally important.

Copies of this report have been forwarded to the Department of Environmental Quality Engineering, and to the owner, Town of Scituate, MA. Copies will be available to the public in thirty days.

I wish to thank you and the Department of Environmental Quality Engineering for your cooperation in this program.

Sincerely,

Incl
As stated

WILLIAM E. HODGSON JR.

Colonel, Corps of Engineers

Acting Commander and Acting Division Engineer

FIRST HERRING BROOK RESERVOIR DAM MA 00478

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IDENTIFICATION NO.: MA 00478

NAME OF DAM : FIRST HERRING BROOK RESERVOIR DAM

TOWN : SCITUATE

COUNTY AND STATE : PLYMOUTH COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS

STREAM : FIRST HERRING BROOK

DATE OF INSPECTION: DECEMBER 8, 1980

BRIEF ASSESSMENT

The First Herring Brook Reservoir Dam consists of an earth embankment with a concrete core wall. The embankment has a top width of 20 feet and a maximum height of 21.5 feet. The overall length of the dam is 700 feet, including a 42 foot long concrete overflow spillway near the center of the dam and a 3 foot wide concrete fish ladder about 35 feet to the left of the spillway. The outlet works consist of a 12 inch diameter ductile iron low level outlet through the earth embankment and core wall.

The dam impounds First Herring Brook Reservoir, a storage reservoir for public water supply for the Scituate Water Department. Maximum storage at the top of the dam is about 950 acre-feet.

Based on visual inspection and a review of all available pertinent data, the dam is considered to be in fair condition.

Features that could effect the structural integrity of the dam are seepage at the toe of the slope and at the downstream spillway training walls; animal burrows on the downstream slope, and diagonal cracks in the training wall at the weir crest.

Based on the Corps of Engineers' Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams, the dam is classified as "Small" in size, with a "High" hazard potential. A Test Flood which approximated one-half of the Probable Maximum Flood (1/2 PMF) was selected in accordance with the Corps of Engineers' Guidelines. The calculated test flood inflow of about 600 cfs results in a routed outflow of about 500 cfs. The Test Flood would not overtop the dam. The spillway discharges 100% of this flood with over 4 feet of freeboard remaining at the dam.

It is recommended that the owner engage the services of a qualified, registered engineer to specify and oversee procedures for patching cracks and plugging animal burrows; to investigate the cause of the wet area at the toe of the downstream slope and at the downstream end of the training walls; to design and oversee erosion protection for the upstream edge of the spillway crest and for the areas adjacent to the spillway training walls; to design an upstream control for the low level outlet.

Technical inspections by a qualified, registered engineer should be performed every year; the dam should be inspected visually once a month; a formal written maintenance program should be prepared and implemented; and a formal downstream warning system should be put into effect.

The owner should implement the recommendations as described herein and in greater detail in Section 7 of the Report within one year after receipt of this Phase 1 Inspection Report.

ASEC CORPORATION



John F. Modzelewski P.E.

Project Engineer/

Director of Engineering Services

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This Phase I Inspection Report on First Herring Brook Reservoir Dam (MA-00478) has been reviewed by the undersigned Review Board members. In our opinion, the reported findings, conclusions, and recommendations are consistent with the Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams, and with good engineering judgement and practice, and is hereby submitted for approval.

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PREFACE

This report is prepared under guidance contained in the Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams, for Phase 1 Investigations. Copies of these guidelines may be obtained from the Office of Chief of Engineers, Washington, D.C. 20314. The purpose of a Phase 1 Investigation is to identify expeditiously those dams which may pose hazards to human life or property. The assessment of the general condition of the dam is based upon available data and visual inspection. Detailed investigation, and analyses involving topographic mapping, subsurface investigations, testing, and detailed computational evaluations are beyond the scope of a Phase 1 investigation; however, the investigation is intended to identify any need for such studies.

In reviewing this report, it should be realized that the reported condition of the dam is based on observations of field conditions at the time of inspection along with data available to the inspection team. In cases where the reservoir was lowered or drained prior to inspection, such action, while improving the stability and safety of the dam, removes the normal load on the structure and may obscure certain conditions which might otherwise be detectable if inspected under the normal operating environment of the structure.

It is important to note that the condition of a dam depends on numerous and constantly changing internal and external conditions, and is evolutionary in nature. It would be incorrect

to assume that the present condition of the dam will continue to represent the condition of the dam at some point in the future.

Only through continued care and inspection can there be any chance that unsafe conditions be detected.

Phase 1 inspections are not intended to provide detailed hydrologic and hydraulic analyses. In accordance with established Guidelines, the Spillway Test flood is based on the estimated "Probable Maximum Flood" for the region (greatest reasonably possible storm runoff), or fractions thereof. Because of the magnitude and rarity of such a storm event, a finding that a spillway will not pass the test flood should not be interpreted as necessarily posing a highly inadequate condition. The test flood provides a measure of relative spillway capacity and serves as an aide in determining the need for more detailed hydrologic and hydraulic studies, considering the size of the dam, its general condition and the downstream damage potential.

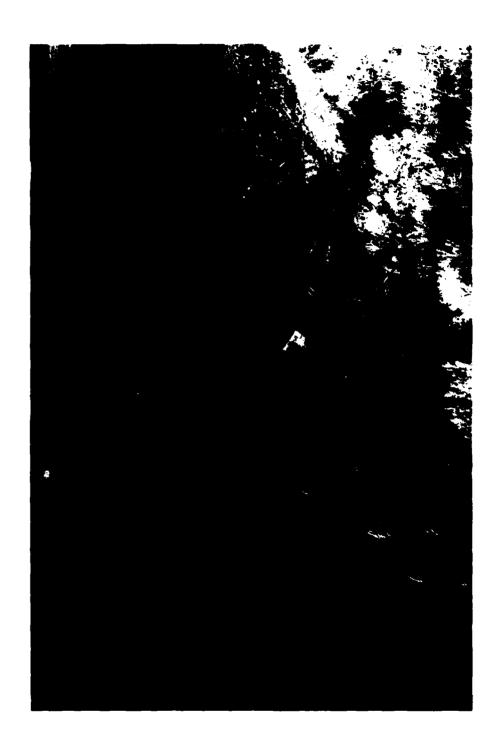
The ?hase 1 Investigation does not include an assessment of the need for fences, gates, no-trespassing signs, repairs to existing fences and railings and other items which may be needed to minimize trespass and provide greater security for the facility and safety to the public. An evaluation of the project for compliance with OSHA rules and regulations is also excluded.

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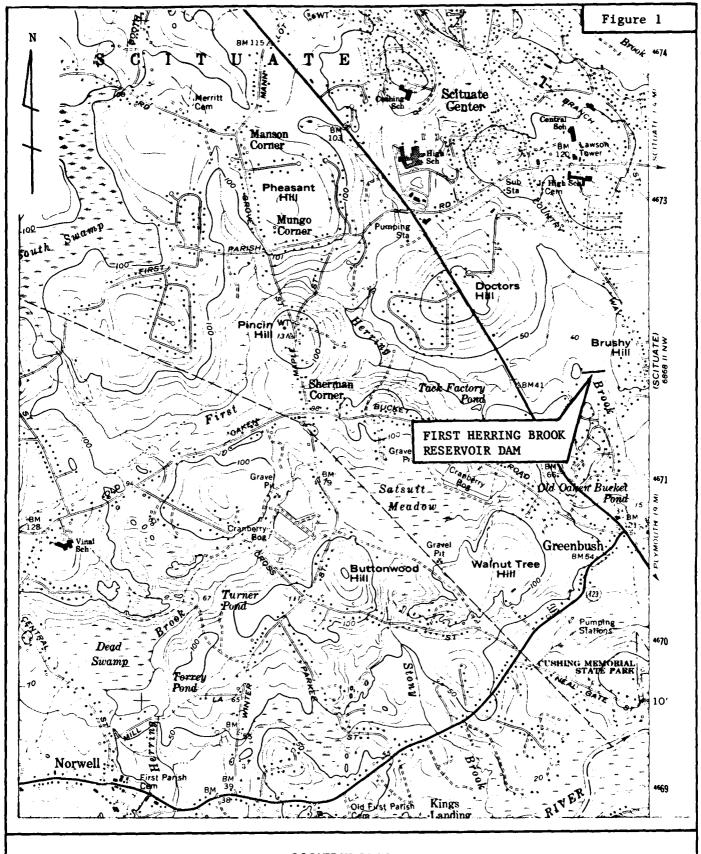
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LOCATION PLAN

FIRST HERRING BROOK RESERVOIR DAM SCITUATE, MASSACHUSETTS SCALE 1:25000

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PROJECT INFORMATION SECTION 1

1.1 GENERAL

a. AUTHORITY

Public Law 92-367, August 8, 1972, authorized the Secretary of the Army, through the Corps of Engineers, to initiate a National Program of Dam Inspection throughout the United States. The New England Division of the Corps of Engineers has been assigned the responsibility of supervising the inspection of dams within the New England Region. ASEC Corporation has been retained by the New England Division to inspect and report on selected dams in the state of Massachusetts. Authorization and notice to proceed were issued to ASEC Corporation under a letter of December 8, 1980, from William E. Hodgson, Colonel, Corps of Engineers. Contract No. DACW33-81-C-0023 has been assigned by the Corps of Engineers for this work.

b. PURPOSE OF INSPECTION

The purposes of the program are to:

I. Perform technical inspection and evaluation of non-federal dams to identify conditions requiring correction in a timely manner by non-federal interests.

- II. Encourage and prepare the States to quickly intitiate effective dam inspection programs for non-federal dams.
- III. To update, verify and complete the National Inventory of Dams.

1.2 DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

a. LOCATION

The dam is located upstream of Old Oaken Bucket Pond, on First Herring Brook, in the town of Scituate, Massachusetts, between State Route 3A and Country Way. First Herring Brook is a tributary to the North River located about 1 1/4 mi. downstream of the dam. The dam is shown on the Cohasset Quadrangle Map having coordinates latitude 42°-10.4' and longitude 70°-45.2' (See Figure 1).

b. DESCRIPTION OF DAM AND APPURTENANT STRUCTURES

The dam consists of an earth embankment with a concrete core wall. The embankment has a top width of 20 feet, a maximum height of 21.5 feet, upstream and downstream slopes of 2 horizontal to 1 vertical. The upstream slope is protected with rip-rap and the downstream slope is grass covered. Drawings indicate that the core wall is 15 inches wide and extends about 5 feet into the foundation and to within 1 foot of the crest of the dam. The overall length of the dam is 700 feet, including a 42 foot long concrete overflow spillway located near the center of the dam. A 3 foot wide concrete fish ladder is located about 35 feet to the left of the spillway. The outlet works, located approximately 20 feet to the right of the spillway consists of a 12 inch ductile iron low level outlet through the dam and core wall controlled by a manually operated downstream butterfly valve. Drawings indicate

an 8 inch diameter drain was to be placed behind the concrete core wall and to exit adjacent to the right and left spillway wingwalls. This appurtenance was not found during the field inspection of the dam.

c. SIZE CLASSIFICATION - "Small"

According to the Corps of Engineers' Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams, a dam is classified as "Small" in size if the height is between 25 and 40 feet, or the dam impounds between 50 and 1000 acre-feet. The dam has a maximum height of 21.5 feet and a maximum storage capacity of 950 acre-feet. Therefore the dam is classified as small in size based on storage capacity.

d. HAZARD CLASSIFICATION - "High"

Based on the Corps of Engineers' Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams, the Hazard Classification for the dam is "High". The dam is classified as a "High" hazard potential structure because it is located in a predominantly suburban area where failure may damage homes (about 30), two roads (Country Way and Driftway) and lead to the loss of more than a few lives. Postfailure flooding will be 1 to 7 feet above pre-failure flooding for the homes in question, depending upon their location. See Appendix D for failure analysis.

e. OWNERSHIP

Former Owner

: None

Present Owner

: Town of Scituate

c/o Board of Selectmen

Scituate Town Hall

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f. OPERATOR

Mr. William Jenkins, Superintendent

Scituate Water Department

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Greenbush, MA 02040

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g. PURPOSE OF DAM

The dam impounds First Herring Brook Reservoir, a storage reservoir for public water supply for the Town of Scituate.

h. DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION HISTORY

The dam was designed in 1967 by Whitman and Howard Inc.

Construction of the dam took place in 1969. The general contractor for the dam is unknown. Design plans exist and are included in Appendix B. No "As-built Plans" are known to exist for this dam.

No post-construction changes have been made to the dam.

i. NORMAL OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES

The 12 inch low level outlet is opened or closed by means of the butterfly valve at the downstream slope of the dam as required to keep Old Oaken Bucket Pond at a constant elevation.

1.3 PERTINENT DATA

a. DRAINAGE AREA

The drainage area consists of 4.4 square miles of lightly developed land, mostly wooded with numerous hills rising to about 150 feet above mean sea level. See Watershed Map in Appendix D.

b. DISCHARGE AT DAMSITE

The discharge at the damsite is over a 42 foot wide broad-crested concrete spillway and a 3 foot wide concrete fish ladder. Outlet works consist of a 12 inch diameter ductile iron pipe through the dam controlled by a downstream butterfly valve.

NGVD = National Geodetic Vertical Datum

1.	Outlet Works (conduit) Size:	12 inch diameter
	Invert Elevation:	27.2 at Inlet
	Discharge Capacity:	12 cfs @ EL.40 ft.NGVD
2.	Maximum Known Flood at Damsite:	200 cfs (estimated)
3.	Ungated Spillway Capacity at Top of Dam Elevation:	2,300 cfs 46.5 ft. NGVD
4.	Ungated Spillway Capacity at Test Flood Elevation Elevation:	500 cfs 42.5 ft. NGVD
5.	Gated Spillway Capacity at Normal Pool Elevation Elevation:	N/A
6.	Gated Spillway Capacity at Test Flood Elevation Elevation:	N/A
7.	Total Spillway Capacity at Test Flood Elevation Elevation:	500 cfs 42.5 ft. NGVD
8.	Total Project Discharge at Top of Dam Elevation:	2,300 cfs 46.5 ft. NGVD
9.	Total Project Discharge at Test Flood Elevation Elevation:	500 cfs 42.5 ft. NGVD

c.	ELEVATION - Feet above National (Geodetic Vertical
1.	Streambed at toe of dam	25.0
2.	Bottom of cutoff	24.0
3.	Maximum Tailwater	Unknown
4.	Normal Pool	40.5
5.	Full Flood Control Pool	N/A
6.	Spillway Crest	40.0
7.	Design Surcharge-Original Design	Unknown
8.	Top of Dam	46.5
9.	Test Flood Surcharge	42.5
d.	RESERVOIR - Length in Feet	
1.	Normal Pool	2,300
2.	Flood Control Pool	N/A
3.	Spillway Crest Pool	2,300
4.	Top of Dam	2,350
5.	Test Flood Pool	2,300
e.	STORAGE - Acre-feet	
1.	Normal Pool	600
2.	Flood Control Pool	N/A
3.	Spillway Crest Pool	500
4.	Top of Dam	950
5.	Test Flood Pool	700

f. RESERVOIR SURFACE - Acres	
1. Normal Pool	60
2. Flood Control Pool	N/A
3. Spillway Crest	60
4. Test Flood Pool	60
5. Top of Dam	60
g. <u>DAM</u>	
1. Type	Earth embankment with concrete core wall
2. Length	700 feet
3. Height	21.5 feet
4. Top Width	20 feet
5. Side Slopes	2 Horizontal to 1 Vertical (Upstream & Downstream)
6. Zoning	Unknown
7. Impervious Core	<pre>15 inch wide concrete core wall *</pre>
8. Cutoff	Core wall extends about 5 feet into foun-dation *
9. Grout curtain	None
10. Other	Underdrain downstream of core wall and on sides of taining wall *
h. DIVERSION AND REGULATING TUNNEL	N/A

^{*} Indicated on design drawings, not observed in field inspection.

i.	Spillway

- 1. Type Broadcrested concrete overflow
- 2. Length of Weir 42 feet
- 3. Crest Elevation 40.0 feet (NGVD)
- 4. Gates N/A
- 5. Upstream channel None
- 6. Downstream channel

 Not well defined unpaved
- 7. General
- j. REGULATING OUTLETS
- 1. Invert 27.2 feet (NGVD) inlet 26.8 feet (NGVD) outlet
- 2. Size 12 inch diameter
 - Description

 Ductile iron pipe
 through dam and core
 wall. Controlled by
 downstream butterfly
 valve.
- 4. Control mechanism Manually operated butterfly valve.
- 5. Capacity 12 cfs @ E1.40 ft.NGVD

ENGINEERING DATA

SECTION 2

2.1 DESIGN DATA

Design data consisted of the original plans for the dam, dated December, 1967, by Whitman and Howard Inc. These plans are included in Appendix B. These documents contain the principal information regarding the design reviewed in the preparation of this report. Design computations for this dam were unavailable.

2.2 CONSTRUCTION DATA

No construction data was available for review. It is reported that the dam was constructed by the Town of Scituate in 1969. The name of the contractor is not known.

2.3 OPERATIONAL DATA

Daily records of the reservoir level are maintained by the Scituate Water Department. The reservoir is normally at or below spillway level.

2.4 EVALUATION OF DATA

a. AVAILABILITY

Existing data was provided by the Town of Scituate

Department of Public Works. A list of available reference material and their location is given in Appendix B.

b. ADEQUACY

The engineering data reviewed did not allow for a definitive review. Therefore, the adequacy of this dam could not be assessed

from the standpoint of reviewing design and construction data, but is based primarily on visual inspection, past performance history, hydraulic and hydrologic calculations and sound engineering judgment.

c. VALIDITY

Field inspections and surveys indicate that the observed portions of the dam were constructed substantially as shown on the plans.

VISUAL INSPECTION

SECTION 3

3.1 FINDINGS

a. GENERAL

The visual inspection of the dam was conducted on December 8, 1980. At the time of inspection, the water level of the dam was approximately 6.5 feet below spillway level. The general condition of the dam at the time of inspection was fair.

The dam is an earth embankment with a concrete overflow spillway located near the center of the dam and a 3 foot wide concrete fish ladder located about 35 feet to the left of this spillway (Overview Photo). The outlet works consists of a 12" ductile iron pipe through the dam which is controlled by a butterfly valve located in a manhole in the downstream slope of the dam.

b. DAM

The dam consists of an earth embankment with upstream and downstream slopes of 2H:1V. The plans indicate the dam has a concrete core wall extending to within one foot of the crest of the dam. The core wall was not observed during the field visit. The crest of the embankment is grass-covered with brush existing along the upstream slope. A pedestrian path, almost bare of vegetation, has been worn along the entire length of the crest. The upstream slope is covered with rip-rap, about 12 to 22 inches in size, from an elevation about 1 foot below the crest to

below the water level in the reservoir at the time of inspection. In some areas holes exist through the rip-rap and erosion has occurred near the crest. Brush was growing between the rip-rap pieces near the crest of the dam.

The downstream slope is covered with grass, weeds and small brush near the spillway wingwalls. There is one area (shown on Figure 2 page B-1), about 80 feet by 25 feet in size, which is wet and soft but with no visible discharge of seepage water. Several animal burrows up to 12 in. in diameter and 8 in. deep were observed near the toe of the dam approximately 100 feet west of the right spillway training wall.

Erosion has occurred on the downstream slopes adjacent to the spillway wingwalls (Photo #1). Seepage is evident at the end of the right spillway wingwall (Photo #2). The flow from this area could not be estimated. There is some reddish staining in the area but the flow is clear with no visible evidence of fines. There was a wet area evident at the end of the left spillway wingwall. The contacts between the downstream slope and abutments appear to be in good condition.

c. APPURTENANT STRUCTURES

The spillway has a broadcrested concrete weir and concrete training walls which are in fair condition (Photo #3 & #8). The crest of the weir has a spalled area about 3 feet in diameter and 1 -2 inches deep. No reinforcing is exposed in this spalled area (Photo #4). The right and left wing walls are cracked at the weir face, the cracks are vertical and diagonal (Photo #5) with displacement apparent at the left wingwall. Staining was noted on

the left training wall diagonal crack (Photo #6).

The concrete fish ladder was in fair condition. Vertical cracks, apparently construction joints, were observed in both fish ladder sidewalls at the crest of the dam, no displacement was evident.

A manhole exists on the downstream face of the dam on the right side of the spillway. This manhole contains the butterfly valve used to regulate the flow in the 12 inch ductile iron low level outlet pipe. The valve was reported to be operable. There is no shutoff on the upstream end of this low level outlet.

d. RESERVOIR AREA

No evidence of significant sedimentation in the reservoir was observed.

e. DOWNSTREAM CHANNEL

The downstream channel is not well defined and meanders downstream of the dam (Photo #7). The channel bottom is covered with grass, brush and boulders.

3.2 EVALUATION

On the basis of the visual inspection, the dam is judged to be in fair condition.

The soft, wet area adjacent to the downstream toe suggests that the line of seepage through the dam may exit at or near the toe of the slope, a condition which could lead to a piping failure of the embankment if the embankment soils or foundation soils are susceptible to piping. No observation wells or piezometers, which provide a measurement of the phreatic surface in the dam, were

located in the dam or foundation soils. In addition, the seepage adjacent to the spillway training walls could cause internal erosion of the dam.

The plans indicate that this seepage may be the discharge from 8 inch diameter drains shown on the drawings to be behind the concrete training walls on both sides of the spillway. The drain pipes were not visible during the field visit.

The worn pedestrian path on the crest of the dam makes the crest more susceptible to erosion in the event the dam should be overtopped.

Animal burrows on the downstream slope could lead to seepage and piping if not properly backfilled with select materials.

The slight irregularity in the rip-rap and erosion on the upstream slopes indicate some movement of the rip-rap has occurred, probably due to wave and freezing action. However, the rip-rap appears to provide adequate erosion protection and only minor repairs appear needed at this time.

The poorly defined discharge channel downstream could result in erosion of the downstream toe of the dam during periods of significant discharge over the spillway.

Cracks observed in spillway training walls and fish ladder sidewalls can lead to deterioration of wall reinforcing, compromising the strength of the structure. Cracks can lead to susceptibility to frost action. Vertical cracking appears to be along construction joints; it is unknown whether waterstops have

been provided at all of these joints, however, the absence of efflorescence along these cracks indicate that these have been provided. Diagonal cracks in the training wall appear to indicate a differential settlement of wall and weir.

The spalled area on the crest of the spillway weir creates a ponding area at times of no flow, subjecting this area to freeze thaw cycles in winter. Spalling lessens the cover over existing reinforcing. The spalling appears to be the result of vandalism rather than natural causes.

There is no shutoff at the upstream end of the low level outlet pipe. Should a leak or fracture of the pipe occur upstream of the existing valve - a portion of the line always under pressure - internal erosion of the dam along the line of this pipe is possible. Repair of the upstream portion of this pipe in cases of leaking or fracture would also be extremely difficult.

OPERATIONAL AND MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES

SECTION 4

4.1 OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES

a. GENERAL

The dam is used primarily to maintain a constant water level in Old Oaken Bucket pond, a town surface water supply directly downstream of this dam. The low level outlet for the reservoir is opened and closed by means of the 12" butterfly valve at the dam to accomplish this.

The surface elevation of the reservoir is monitored daily from a concrete headwall located on State Route 3A. The dam itself cannot be viewed from this location.

b. DESCRIPTION OF ANY WARNING SYSTEM IN EFFECT

There is no formal warning system in effect.

4.2 MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES

a. GENERAL

The grass on the downstream slope of the dam is mowed approximately 3 - 4 times per year by the public grounds division of the Scituate Department of Public Works. There are no formal inspection procedures. The dam is not patrolled.

b. OPERATING FACILITIES

The low level intake and butterfly valve are the operational portions of this dam requiring maintenance. No formal maintenance procedures exist for these items.

4.3 EVALUATION

Present operational procedures should be modified to include establishment of a formal downstream warning system. Procedures should be established for monitoring the dam during periods of exceptionally heavy rainfall and notifying downstream authorities in the event of an emergency.

A formal written maintenance program for the dam should be prepared and implemented.

The dam should be subject to annual technical inspections by a qualified registered engineer.

EVALUATION OF HYDRAULIC/HYDROLOGIC FEATURES

SECTION 5

5.1 GENERAL

First Herring Brook Reservoir is the first reservoir in a series of two reservoirs. It is located upstream of Old Oaken Bucket Pond. The dam has a tributary watershed of 4.4 square miles. The watershed consists of rolling hills and two relatively large wetland areas. The reservoir is surrounded by areas of sparse suburban development, with the State Route 3A embankment forming the upstream end of the reservoir.

The dam crest is even and at approximately El. 46.5 NGVD. The spillway crest is at EL. 40.0 NGVD. The ungated spillway capacity with the pool at the top of dam is 2,300 cfs. No flashboards are presently used at this dam.

5.2 DESIGN DATA

This dam was designed by Whitman and Howard Engineers in 1967 amd was constructed in 1969. Plans titled: "Proposed Reservoir and Dam, Scituate, MA" were obtained from the town. Hydrologic/hydraulic data were not available.

5.3 EXPERIENCE DATA

Town of Scituate Water Department records indicate the highest reservoir elevation to be 11 inches over the spillway crest or E1. 40.9 NGVD on February 27,1979. Entering the spillway rating curve (Graph \$1 in Appendix D) this yields a discharge of 110 cfs. High water marks observed on the spillway wingwalls indicate water levels have reached approximately 16 inches above the spillway which yields a discharge of approximately 200 cfs.

5.4 TEST FLOOD ANALYSIS

Based on the Corps of Engineers' Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams, the size of the dam is small. The dam has approximately 950 acre-feet of storage at the top of dam (El. 46.5+ NGVD). Based on dam failure analysis and the above guidelines the dam is classified as "High" hazard potential.

Based on the Corps of Engineers' guidelines, the Test Flood should be in the range of 1/2 of the Probable Maximum Flood (PMF) to PMF. Since the height of the dam is relatively low for the dam's size classification, a 1/2 PMF or a flood approaching that magnitiude was used for the test flood. It is considered that the 500 year peak discharge as computed by the USGS Regional Equations for Eastern Massachusetts will yield a reasonable estimate for a large magnitude storm approaching the 1/2 PMF. The resultant peak inflow for the 500 year event using the USGS Regional Equations is about 600 cfs. This peak reservoir inflow was routed through the reservoir using the Corps of Engineers' "Surcharge Routing Alternative" and resulted in an attenuated peak test flood discharge of about 500 cfs at the spillway. For the purpose of surcharge storage routing calculations, the initial reservoir level was assumed to be at the spillway crest. The spillway passes 100% of the test flood with a resultant stage of 2.5 feet above the spillway crest, El. 42.5 NGVD. The spillway capacity is judged to be adequate.

5.5 DAM FAILURE ANALYSIS

A dam failure analysis was made using the "Rule of Thumb Guidance" provided by the Corps of Engineers. Failure was assumed with water at the top of dam, approximately El. 46.5 NGVD. The prime impact areas lie around the perime of Old Oaken Bucket Pond and from the outlet of Old Oaken Bucket Pond downstream to the area where the First Herring Brook floodplain expands out into the extensive North River salt marsh system.

Around the perimeter of Old Oaken Bucket Pond, 17 houses will receive from 1 - 3 feet of flooding, 4 houses will receive from 3 - 4 feet of flooding, a Town of Scituate pump station will receive 5 feet of flooding and 3 commercial structures will receive 1 - 3 feet of flooding. From the outlet of Old Oaken Bucket Pond downstream to the North River saltmarsh system 2 houses and 1 commercial structure will receive from 3 - 7 feet of flooding and 3 houses will receive from 1 - 3 feet of flooding.

The dam is classified as "High" hazard potential. A dam failure could result in the loss of more than a few lives and excessive economic losses in the area downstream of the dam.

Table 1 summarizes pre- and post-failure flooding effects.

Appendix D includes a map of the inundated area resulting from this dam failure analysis, a narrative of potential flooding, and the dam breach calculations.

The table below summarizes the downstream effects of failure of First Herring Brook Reservoir Dam:

eam)	ure Comments	,380 6.1	Some damage to 1 house Little danger of loss of life	314 Some damage to 10 houses .0 Little danger of loss of life	275 Some damage to 11 houses	Major damage to pump station	Minor damage to 2 stores	Some damage to professional building Some danger of loss of life	Probably washed out	490 Probably washedout	.8 Major damage to commercial building Sore danger of loss of life	12,100 Minor damage to 3 houses		Thood wave completely attenuated to damage to property to risk of loss of life
Flow (CFS) Stage(Ft. above Stream)	After Failure	16,380		15,314 8.0	14,275 8.0					13,490	14.8	12, در		looding
Flo Stage(Ft.	Before Failure	2280		2280 5.2	2280 5.0					2280	9.9	2280	•	Downstream
Toyol Above	Stream (ft)	7-9	4	7 5	5-7 4-5	Э	5-7	S	3	4	9-12	12-14	8-12	Table I - Summary of Downstream Flooding
No works of	of Structures	5 houses	1 house	7 houses 3 houses	7 houses 4 houses	pump station	2 commercial buildings	<pre>l professional building</pre>	road	road	l commercial building	3 houses	2 horses	Table
4	D/S of Dam (ft)	1150	1200	2640	2640- 3600	3670	3670	3670	3670	4457	3900	4457-	5300	5500~
	Location No. (see map)	1	8	٣	ਧ		21		Country Way Rd.	Ari frusv		S		Salt Marsh

EVALUATION OF STRUCTURAL STABILITY

SECTION 6

6.1 VISUAL OBSERVATIONS

The visual inspection did not disclose any indications of present structural instability. The long term performance of the dam could be affected by the continued seepage along the downstream toe of the dam to the right of the spillway and the lack of an upstream shutoff for the low level outlet pipe.

6.2 DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION DATA

The design and construction data reviewed consists of a set of plans by Whitman & Howard Inc. entitled "Proposed Dam and Reservoir, Scituate, Mass." (4 sheets) dated December 1967. Record drawings indicate that the dam is constructed of either "compacted glacial till or pervious fill". There is a concrete core wall 15 in. wide shown extending about 5 feet into the foundation and to within one foot of the crest of the dam. The drawings indicate an 8 in. diameter drain was specified to be placed behind the concrete core wall and to exit adjacent to the right and left spillway wingwalls. It is not possible to determine on the basis of the visual inspection whether or not the dam was actually constructed as shown on the record plans.

6.3 POST CONSTRUCTION CHANGES

No post construction changes have been made on the dam since it was built in 1969. In general, the watershed for the reservoir has become more urbanized since construction.

6.4 SEISMIC STABILITY

The dam is located in Seismic Zone 2, and in accordance with Corps of Engineers' guidelines does not warrant further seismic analysis at this time.

ASSESSMENT, RECOMMENDATIONS, & REMEDIAL MEASURES

SECTION 7

7.1 DAM ASSESSMENT

a. CONDITION

On the basis of the visual inspection, the dam is judged to be in fair condition. The following conditions will effect the long term performance of the dam:

- 1. The soft wet area at the downstream toe of the dam suggests that the line of seepage through the dam exits near the toe, a condition which could lead to piping failure if the embankment or foundation soils are susceptible to piping.
- 2. The seepage adjacent to the right and left wingwalls could lead to piping around the spillway structure if it is not the discharge from the 8 inch diameter pipes shown on the design drawings.
- 3. The sparse vegetation in the pedestrian path on the crest of the dam makes the crest more susceptible to erosion in the event the dam should be overtopped.
- 4. The animal burrows on the downstream slope could lead to seepage and piping problems if they are not properly backfilled.
- 5. Continued erosion of the upstream face near the crest and adjacent to the spillway training walls could result in possible breaching if the dam were overtopped.
- 6. Cracked and spalled areas of concrete on the weir and training walls may increase the concrete's susceptibility to frost action and may compromise the strength of the walls.

b. ADEQUACY OF INFORMATION

The results of the visual inspection and the information available from record drawings was adequate for performing a Phase 1 Inspection.

c. URGENCY

The recommendations presented in Sections 7.2 and 7.3 should be carried out within one year of receipt of this report by the owner.

7.2 RECOMMENDATIONS

The following recommendations should be carried out under the direction of a qualified, registered engineer.

- Specify and oversee procedures for patching cracks along spillway training walls and the spalled area at the spillway crest.
- 2. Specify and oversee procedures for filling animal burrows on the downstream slope with proper backfill material.
- 3. Investigate the cause of the soft, wet area at the downstream toe of the slope, design remedial measures and oversee construction of the remedial measures.
- 4. Investigate the cause of seepage at the base of the right and left spillway training walls and design remedial measures as required.
- 5. Provide upstream control for the 12" diameter low level outlet pipe.
- 6. Excavate the discharge channel and provide slope protection around outlet and spillway.

- 7. Repair rip-rap "holes" in upstream slope protection.
- 8. Investigate displacement of the left spillway sidewall at the vertical crack.
- 9. Design erosion protection for the upstream edge of the crest and adjacent to the spillway training walls and oversee construction of the erosion protection.

7.3 REMEDIAL MEASURES

- a. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES
- 1. The dam and appurtenant structures should be visually inspected once a month.
- 2. A technical inspection of the dam should be performed once a year by a qualified, registered engineer.
- 3. Institute a formal downstream warning system to include monitoring of the dam during extremely heavy rains, and establish a downstream warning system in case of emergency at the dam.
 - 4. Remove brush from the slopes of the dam.
- 5. Establish grass cover on bare areas of dam crest and downstream slope.
- 6. Prepare and implement a formal written maintenance program.

7.4 ALTERNATIVES

There are no practical alternatives to the above recommendations.

APPENDIX A

INSPECTION CHECKLIST

VISUAL INSPECTION CHECKLIST PARTY ORGANIZATION

PROJECT FIRST HERRING BROOK RESERVOIR DAM

DATE DECEMBER 8,1980
TIME 12:15 PM
WEATHER CLEAR, COLD
W.S.EL. 33.5 U.S.
25.0 D.S.

PARTY:

1. John F. Modzelewski P.E. ASEC Corpo	oration - Civil/Structural
2.Richard M. Baker Vollmer A	ssociates Inc Hydrologist
3. Richard F. Murdock P.E. Geotechnic	cal Engineers Inc Geotechnical
4.Richard W. Turnbull Geotechnic	cal Engineers Inc Geotechnical
PROJECT FEATURE	INSPECTED BY
1. Dam Embankment	GEI
2. Dike Embankment	None observed
	None observed
Intake Structure 4. Outlet Works - Transition &	None observed
Conduit 5. Outlet Works - Control Tower	None observed
6. Outlet Works - Transition &	None observed
Conduit 7. Outlet Works - Outlet Structure	None observed
& Outlet Channel	
8. Outlet Works - Spillway Weir, Approach & Dis- charge Channels	ASEC, GEI
	ASEC
9. Outlet Works - Service Bridge	None observed

PERIODIC INSPECTION CHECKLIST PROJECT FIRST HERRING BROOK RESERVOIR DAM DATE Dec. 8, 1980 see below PROJECT FEATURE MAME JFM, RFM, RWT, DISCIPLINE __Civil Engineer, Geotechnical Engineer NAME AREA EVALUATED CONDITION DAM EMBANKMENT 46.5 ft. Crest Elevation 33.5 ft. Current Pool Elevation ll " above spillway level Maximum Impoundment to Date None observed. Surface Cracks Pavement Condition No pavement. Movement or Settlement of Crest None observed. Lateral Movement None observed. Vertical Alignment Good. Horizontal Alignment Good. Moderate erosion adjacent to upstream Condition at Abutment and at Concrete and downstream sides of left and right Structures spillway wingwalls and fish ladder walls. Indications of Movement of Structural Spillway wingwalls cracked top to bot-Items on Slopes tom along centerline of crest. Trespassing on Slopes One-ft-wide footpath along centerline of crest. Sloughing or Erosion of Slopes or Minor gullying and sloughing along up-Abutments stream and downstream trees, particularly adjacent to the spillway wingwalls and fish ladder walls. Rock Slope Protection - Riprap Failures Local riprap windows e.g. top of upstream slope between ladder and spill-Unusual Movement or Cracking at or Near way; also the displacement of riprap along the right side of the spillway Toe has led to gullying and sloughing of upstream face. Unusual Embankment or Downstream-None observed. Seepage Seepage observed at downstream end of right spillway wingwall; clear and free of sediment; Piping or Boils wet area at base of slope from Sta 3+20 to 4+08. Foundation Drainage Features None observed. None observed. Toe Drains 12"-diameter drainage pipe at toe of downstream slope (behived to connect with manhole ~ at Sta 3+95. Instrumentation System-

Vegetation

None observed.

Crest and downstream slope covered with

grass and very occasional weeds; minor

brush growing between boulder riprap.

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AREA EVALUATED	CONDITION			
DIKE EMBANKMENT	None.			
Crest Elevation				
Current Pool Elevation				
Maximum Impoundment to Date				
Surface Cracks				
Pavement Condition				
Movement or Settlement of Crest				
Lateral Movement				
Vertical Alignment				
Horizontal Alignment				
Condition at Abutment and at Concrete Structures				
Indications of Movement of Structural Items on Slopes				
Trespassing on Slopes				
Sloughing or Erosion of Slopes or Abutments				
Rock Slope Protection - Riprap Failures				
Unusual Movement or Cracking at or Near Toes				
Unusual Embankment or Downstream Seepage				
Piping or Boils	·			
Foundation Drainage Features				
Toe Drains				
Instrumentation System				
Vegetation				

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AREA EVALUATED	CONDITION				
OUTLET WORKS - INTAKE CHANNEL AND INTAKE STRUCTURE	None .				
a. Approach Channel					
Slope Conditions					
Bottom Conditions	·				
Rock Slides or Falls					
Log Boom					
Debris					
Condition of Concrete Lining					
Drains or Weep Holes					
b. Intake Structure	None.				
Condition of Concrete					
Stop Logs and Slots					
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PROJECT FEATUREsee below	NAME				
DISCIPLINE	NAME				
AREA EVALUATED	CONDITION				
OUTLET WORKS - CONTROL TOWER					
a. Concrete and Structural	None				
General Condition					
Condition of Joints					
Spalling .					
Visible Reinforcing					
Rusting or Staining of Concrete					
Any Seepage or Efflorescence					
Joint Alignment					
Unusual Seepage or Leaks in Gate Chamber					
Cracks					
Rusting or Corrosion of Steel					
b. Mechanical and Electrical					
Air Vents					
Float Wells					
Crane Hoist					
Elevator					
Hydraulic System					
Service Gates					
Emergency Gates					
Lightning Protection System					
Emergency Power System					
Wiring and Lighting System					

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PROJECT FIRST HERRING BROOK RESERVOIR DAM	DATEDec. 8, 1980
PROJECT FEATUREsee below	NAME
DISCIPLINE	NAME
AREA EVALUATED	CONDITION
OUTLET WORKS - TRANSITION AND CONDUIT	None
General Condition of Concrete	
Rust or Staining on Concrete	
Spalling	
Erosion or Cavitation	
Cracking	•
Alignment of Monoliths	
Alignment of Joints	
Numbering of Monoliths	
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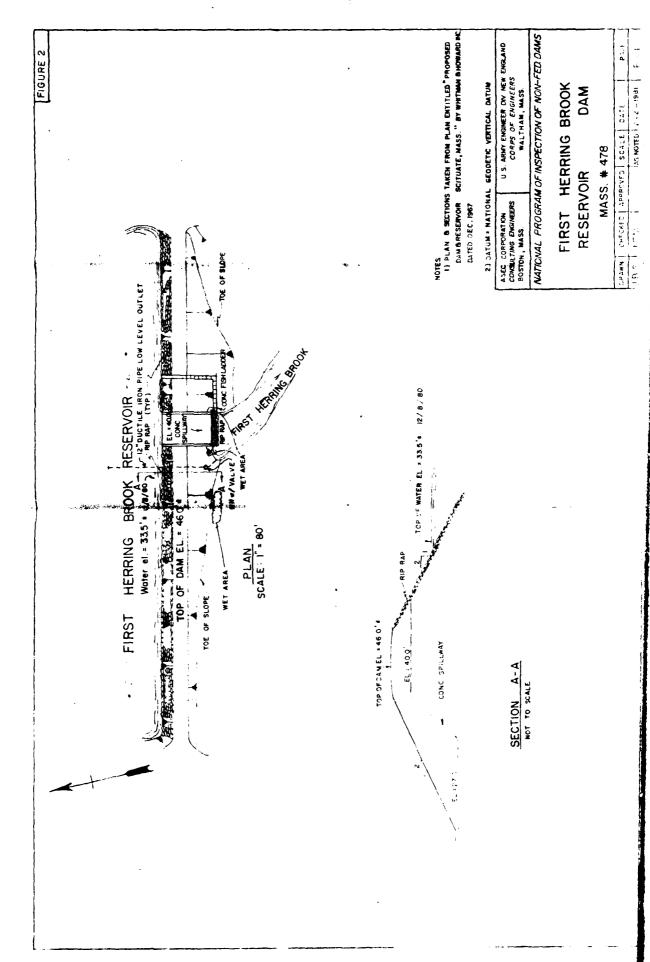
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PROJECT FEATUREsee below	NAME JFM, RFM, RWT,					
DISCIPLINECivil Engineer, Geotechnical	Engineer NAME					
AREA EVALUATED	CONDITION					
OUTLET WORKS - SPILLWAY WEIR, APPROACH AND DISCHARGE CHANNELS						
a. Approach Channel	Concrete wingwalls.					
General Condition	Good, unobstructed.					
Loose Rock Overhanging Channel	None.					
Trees Overhanging Channel	None.					
Floor of Approach Channel	Concrete preceded by ccbble and boulder riprap; unobstructed. fair, vertical & diagonal cracks in walls					
b. Weir and Training Walls						
General Condition of Concrete	near spillway crest, minor displacement along vertical crack left wall.					
Rust or Staining	Minor staining at diagonal cracks near spillway crest					
Spalling	Spalled area at crest of weir					
Any Visible Reinforcing	None Minor efflorescence near wall caps, down-					
Any Seepage or Efflorescence	stream end of training walls, seepage at base of walls downstream ends.					
Drain Holes	None observed.					
c. Discharge Channel	Concrete floor into 4 ft of cobbles into natural stream and marsh area.					
General Condition	Good, unobstructed.					
Loose Rock Overhanging Channel	None.					
Trees Overhanging Channel	None.					
Floor of Channel	Scattered cobbles and minor debris, no major obstructions.					
Other Obstructions						
Other Comments						
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PROJECT FIRST HERRING BROOK RESERVOIR DA	M DATE Dec. 8, 1980					
PROJECT FEATURESEE BELOW	NAME JEM, REM, RWT					
DISCIPLINECivil Engineer , Geotechnical	Engineer NAME					
AREA EVALUATED	CONDITION					
OUTLET WORKS - FISH LADDER						
a. Approach Channel						
General Condition	None					
Loose Rock Overhanging Channel						
Trees Overhanging Channel						
Floor of Approach Channel						
b.						
General Condition of Concrete	fair, vertical cracks along apparent construction joints at dam crest.					
Rust or Staining	None observed					
Spalling	None observed					
Any Visible Reinforcing	None observed					
Any Seepage or Efflorescence	None observed					
Drain Holes	None observed.					
c. Discharge Channel	discharges into spillway weir discharge channel, see comments under Outlet Works - Spillway Weir, Approach and Discharge Channels					
General Condition						
Loose Rock Overhanging Channel	Chamers					
Trees Overhanging Channel						
Floor of Channel	·					
Other Obstructions						
Other Comments						

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CONDITION					
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APPENDIX B

ENGINEERING DATA

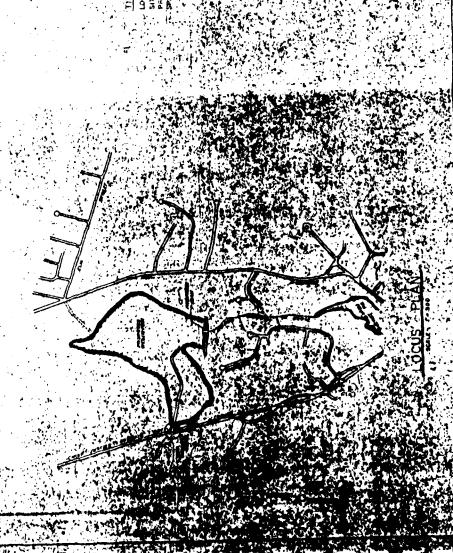


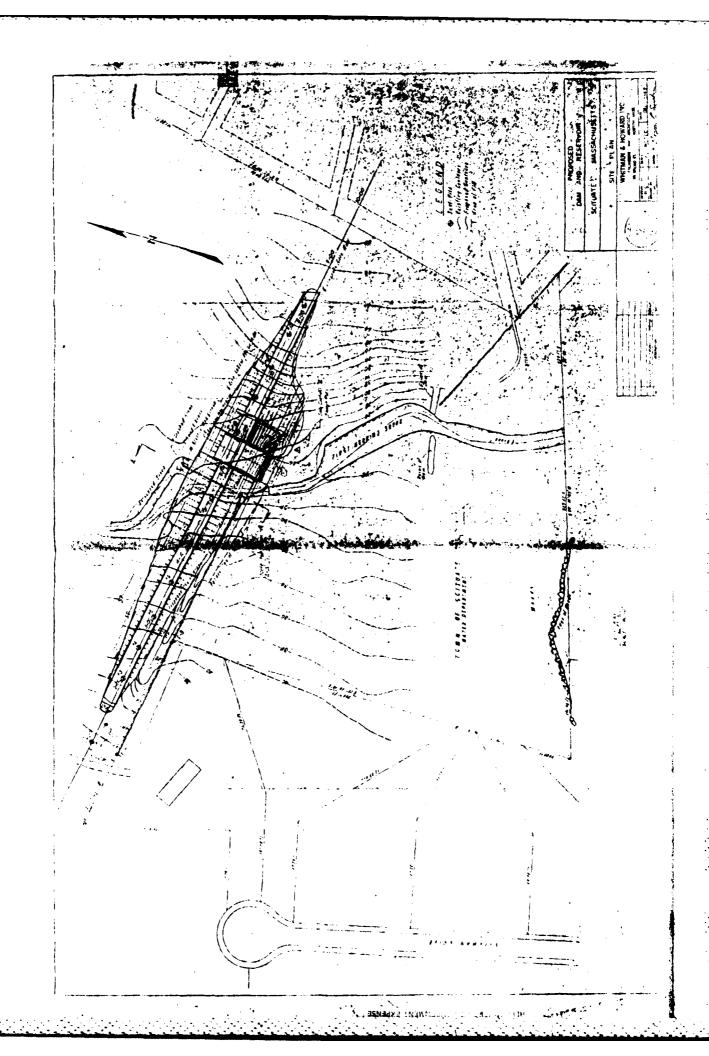
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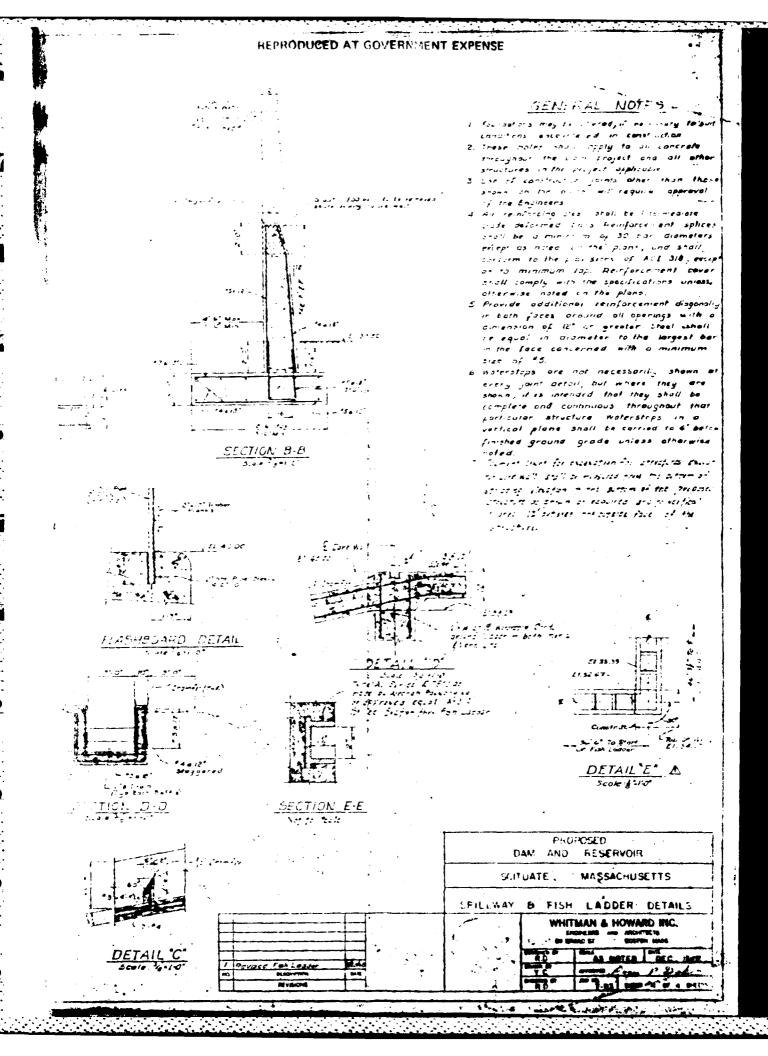
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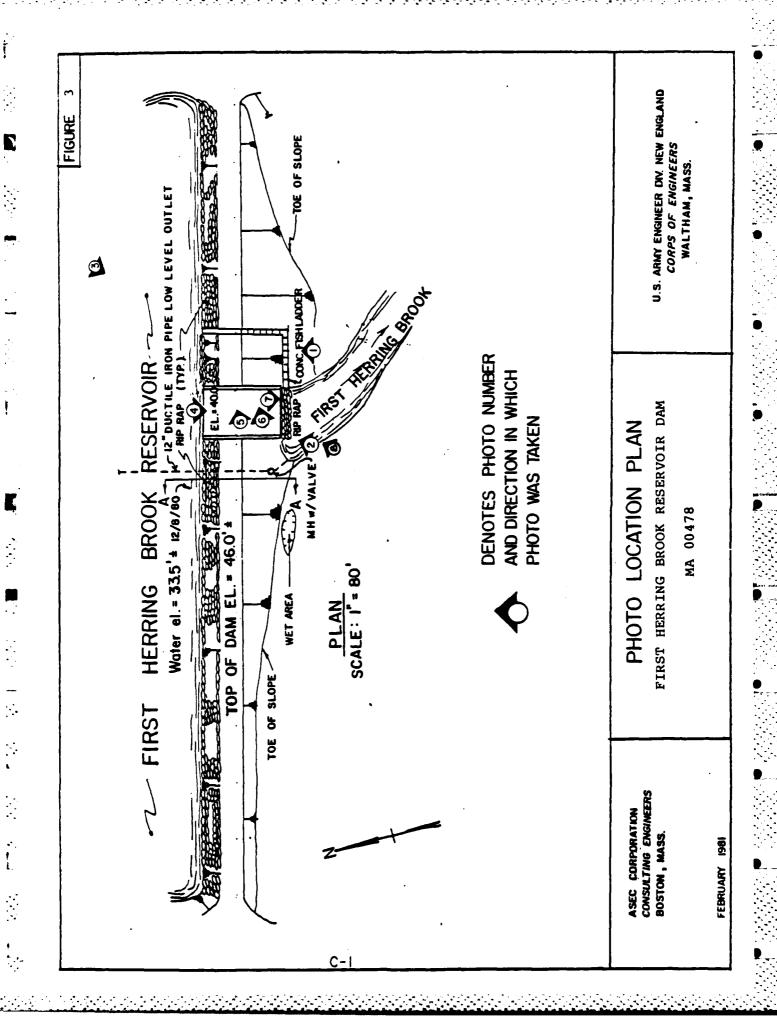




PHOTO # 1
EROSION AT DOWNSTREAM END
LEFT SPILLWAY WINGWALL



PHOTO # 2
SEEPAGE AT END OF RIGHT
SPILLWAY WINGWALL

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PHOTO # 3
UPSTREAM SLOPE SHOWING WEIR AND RIP-RAP

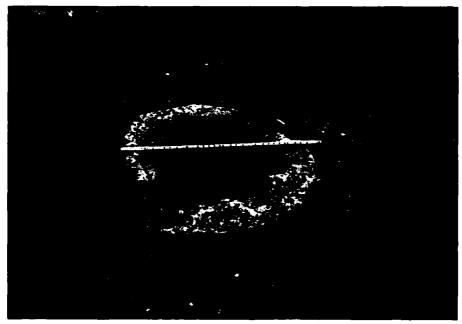


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SPALLED AREA ON WEIR CREST

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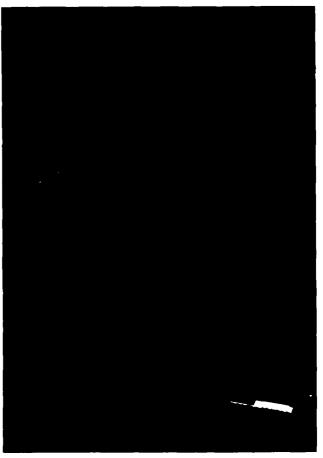
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PHOTO # 5
CRACKS IN LEFT WINGWALL

PHOTO # 6
STAINING AT CRACKS IN LEFT WINGWALL



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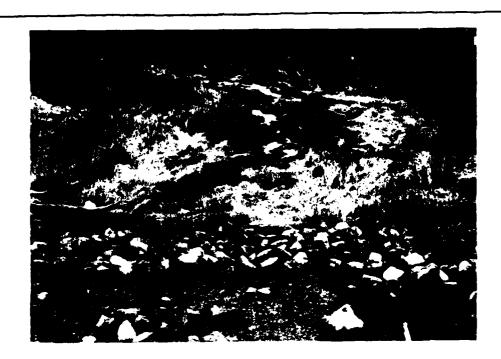


PHOTO # 7 DOWNSTREAM CHANNEL



PHOTO # 8 SPILLWAY

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APPENDIX D

HYDROLOGIC AND HYDRAULIC COMPUTATIONS

First Herring Brook Reservoir Dam Scituate, MA

Dam Rating Curve

A schematic sketch of the overflow section of this dam is shown in Figure 1. This sketch is based on plans obtained from the Town of Scituate. These plans are titled: "Proposed Dam and Reservoir, Scituate, Mass." and were developed by Whitman and Howard. Additional information obtained on a recent field inspection of the site was also used to construct the above sketch and was applied in the hydrologic and hydraulic analysis of the dam.

Spillway Discharge

 $Q_1 = CLH^{1.5}$

C = 2.8 (Broad crested spillway)

L = 42'

H = head on spillway crest (datum elevation = 40.0' MSL)

 $Q_1 = 2.8 \times 42 \times H^{1.5}$

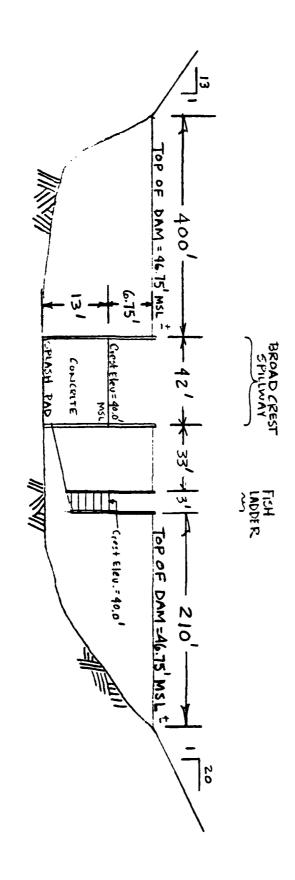
Fish Ladder Discharge

C = 3.3

L = 3.0

H = same as on spillway crest

 $Q_2 = 3.3 \times 3.0 \times H^{1.5}$



SCHEMATIC OF FIRST HERRING

LOOKING UPSTREAM

BROOK KESERVOIR

DAM

FIGURE #1

Dam embankment overflow discharge

Q₃ = Q_{left} embankment + Q_{left} side-slope + Q_{right} embankment + Q_{right} side-slope

Left embankment discharge

$$C = 2.8$$
 $L = 210 + 33 = 243'$
 $H = H - 6.75'$
 $Q = 2.8 \times 243 \times (H - 6.75)^{1.5}$

Left side-slope discharge

$$C = 2.8$$
 $L = 20 \times (H - 6.75)$
 $H = (0.5 \times (H - 6.75))$
 $Q = 2.8 \times (20 \times (H - 6.75)) \times (0.5 \times (H - 6.75))^{1.5}$

Right embankment discharge

$$C = 2.8$$
 $L = 400'$
 $H = H - 6.75'$
 $Q = 2.8 \times (13 \times (H - 6.75)) \times (0.5 \times (x - 6.75))^{1.5}$

Total dam discharge

$$Q_{total} = Q_1 + Q_2 + Q_3$$

$$= 2.8 \times 42 \times H^{1.5} + 3.3 \times 3 \times H^{1.5} + 2.8 \times 243$$

$$\times (H - 6.75)^{1.5} + 2.8 \times (20 \times (H - 6.75))$$

$$\times (0.5 \times (H - 6.75))^{1.5} + 2.8 \times (13 \times (H - 6.75))$$

$$\times (0.5 \times (H - 6.75))^{1.5}$$

The above equation relating stage and discharge was implemented on a programmable calculator. Results are plotted on the stage-discharge curve for First Herring Brook Reservoir Dam (Graph 1).

Dam Failure Analysis

Dam Failure with Maximum Pool

Assume that the dam fails with the pool at maximum level, which corresponds to the elevation of the top of the embankment (46.75' MSL). The top of the embankment is 6.75 feet above the spillway crest and 19.75 feet above the downstream invert (below spillway).

Normal outflow at failure

Q = 2280 CFS (dam rating with H = 6.75')

Tailwater level at failure

Cross-sections located throughout the downstream impact area were coded and input into a HEC-2 multiple profile run using nine discharges covering the range of discharges expected during dam failure analysis. Results were used to construct stage-discharge and stage-cross-section area curves for each cross-section (see Graphs 2-7).

The following are locations of cross-sections used in the dam failure analysis:

Distance D/S of Dam (feet)	Normal Water Level (Ft MSL)
70	26
1150	24
2640	15
3670	15 (roadway @18)
4457	5 (roadway @9)
5300	4

Immediately preceding failure, the normal outflow of 2280 CFS results in a tailwater depth of 5.3 feet (graph 2) at the section located near the toe of the dam embankment, which is 70 feet downstream of the spillway crest. In other words, the tailwater would be at 30.3 feet MSL, which is 9.7 feet below the spillway crest or 16.5 feet below the headwater level.

Breach Outflow

Qp₁ =
$$8/27 \times W_b \times \sqrt{g} \times Y_o^{1.5}$$

where:
 W_b = width of breach
 $\leq 0.4 \times (\text{width of dam at } \frac{1}{2} \text{ height})$
 $\leq 0.4 \times 400'$
use W_b = $100'$

 Y_0 = pool elevation - downstream invert = 19.8' Qp_1 = 8/27 x 100 \sqrt{g} x 19.8^{1.5} = 14,802 CFS

Total Outflow

 $Q_{total} = 2280 + 14,802 = 17,082 CFS$

The table below gives pre-failure downstream stages resulting from entering each section's stage-discharge curve at a discharge of 2280 CFS (normal outflow at failure).

Section (Ft downstream of dam)	Pre-failure Stage (Ft MSL)
70	30.3
1150	26.6
2640	20.2
3670	20.0
4457	11.6
5300	11.5

Impounding capacities of reservoir

Pool at top of dam (maximum)

Volume = 967 acre-feet

Pool at 0.5 foot above spillway crest (normal)

Volume = 600 acre-feet

Downstream Flooding

At 70' downstream of dam

Prior to failure

depth = 4.3' (Graph 2, with Q = 2280 CFS)

After failure

depth = 12.8' (Graph 2, with Q = 17,082 CFS)

Reach from 70' downstream to 1150 feet downstream of dam

To estimate peak dam break flow at a distance 1150 feet downstream of dam, we followed (essentially) the COE "Rule of Thumb Guidance for Estimateing Downstream Dam Failure Hydrographs."

Use stage-discharge and stage-cross-section area curves for sections 70' and 1150' downstream of dam (Graphs 2 and 3).

Storage volume in reach-versus-outflow

Assume channel and overbank storage of the flood wave is equal to the reach length times the average of the upstream post-failure flow area minus the upstream prefailure flow area and the downstream post-failure flow area minus the downstream pre-failure flow area.

Volume (Ft³) =
$$\left[\frac{(A_{p_1} - A_{N_1}) + (A_{p_1} - A_{N_2})}{2} \right] \times L$$

where: A_{Pl} = post-failure u/s cross-sectional flow area (Ft²) A_{N_1} = pre-failure u/s cross-sectional flow area (Ft²) A_{p_2} = post-failure d/s cross-sectional flow area (Ft²) A_{N_2} = pre-failure d/s cross-sectional flow area (Ft²)

L = reach length in feet

The attenuation of dam failure flow due to storage in the reach between 70' and 1150'd/s:

$$Q_2 = 2280 + Q_{p_1} \left(1 - \frac{V_1}{5}\right) = 2280 + 14,802 \left(1 - \frac{V_1}{900}\right)$$

S = storage in reservoir before failure (acre-feet)

 Q_{p} = breach outflow at upstream end of reach

Q₂ = total outflow at downstream end of reach after dam failure

The attenuation of peak dam failure flow at the down-stream end of this reach is calculated on Graph 8. It can be seen from Graph 8 that the attenuation in the first reach has a negligible effect on stage at the downstream end of the reach (section 1150). The attenuated peak failure flow at 1150' d/s of the dam is 16,380 CFS with a corresponding stage of 30.1'. This post-failure stage is 3.5' above pre-failure stage and 6.1' above normal stream level.

There are five houses located about 1000' d/s of the dam. As their ground floor elevations are at about 31 to 33 feet above MSL, they will not experience flooding. However, one house located on the right overbank (looking d/s) about

1200 feet d/s of the dam will experience 2-3 feet of flooding (ground floor at 27'-28' MSL). This house would receive some damage, but only a small threat of loss of life is expected.

Between 1150' and 2640' d/s of the dam, the floodplain widens out somewhat and the stream flows into Old Oaken Bucket Pond. There are 12 houses located off both sides of the brook in this reach.

The attenuation of peak failure discharges in this reach between 1150' and 2640' d/s of the dam are calculated on Graph 9.

By the end of this reach the peak failure flow is attenuated to 15,314 CFS with a corresponding stage of 23.0 feet MSL, which corresponds to a 2.8' increase over pre-failure stage and a 8.0' increase over normal stream level.

Assuming a linear peak failure profile from 30.1' at the upstream end to 23.0' at the downstream end of this reach, dam failure will result in shallow flooding (1-3 feet) at 10 of the 12 houses along this reach. This flooding would cause some damage to the houses, but would present only a small threat of loss of life.

After entering Old Oaken Bucket Pond, First Herring Brook flows through the pond and outlets at its south end through 2 culverts under Country Way Road, which is 3670' d/s of the dam. There are numerous houses, several commer-

cial structures and one Scituate Water Department Pump
Station located around the south end of Old Oaken Bucket
Pond.

The attenuation of peak failure discharge in the reach between 2640' and 3670' d/s of the dam is calculated on Graph 10.

The peak failure flow is attenuated to 14,275 CFS by the time it reaches the outlet of Old Oaken Bucket Pond (section 3670' d/s of dam). The corresponding failure stage at 3670' d/s of dam is 23.0', which is 3.0' above pre-failure stage of 20.0 feet and 8.0 feet above normal stream level. This will result in overtopping of Country Way Road with probable failure of the two culverts and the roadway embankment. About 7 houses will receive from 1-3 feet of flooding and 4 houses will receive from 3-4 feet of flooding. The Town of Scituate Water Department Pumping Station located at the outlet of Old Oaken Bucket Pond will receive major damage and 3 commercial structures will receive from 1-3 feet of flooding.

If the dam were to fail at a time when this area was congested with auto traffic and commercial business use, there would be a significant possibility of the loss of a few lives. In addition, significant damage would be incurred by numerous residential and commercial structures.

The attenuation of peak failure discharge in the next reach, which extends from 3670' to 4457' d/s of the dam is calculated on Graph 11.

The peak failure flow is attenuated to 13,490 CFS by the time it reaches Driftway (4457' d/s of dam). The corresponding failure stage at Driftway is 19.8' MSL, which is 8.2' above pre-failure stage and 14.8' above normal stream level. This will result in overtopping of Driftway

with probable failure of the culvert and roadway embankment. One commercial structure located about 3900' d/s of the dam (200' d/s of Country Way Road) will receive from 3-6 feet of flooding, resulting in major damage and a possibility of loss of a few lives.

The attenuation of peak failure discharge in the next reach, which extends from Kent Street (4457 d/s of dam) to the point where the floodplain opens out into the extensive Herring Brook/North River Salt Marsh System (5300' d/s of dam) is calculated on Graph 12.

The peak failure flow is attenuated to 12,100 CFS by the time it reaches the downstream end of this reach (5300' d/s of dam). The corresponding failure stage is 19.0' MSL, which is 7.5' above pre-failure stage and 15' above normal stream level.

There are 5 houses which will receive flooding within this reach in the event of dam failure. Three of these houses will receive from 1-3 feet of flooding, with minor damage and a small chance of loss of life. Two more of these houses will receive from 3-7 feet of flooding with some chance of loss of life. Downstream of this reach,

peak failure discharges and corresponding stages will be quickly attenuated to insignificant levels due to extensive storage in salt marsh areas.

Test Flood Analysis

Size Classification: SMALL (storage between 50 and 1000 acre-feet; height < 40 ft.)

Hazard Classification: High (based on the possible loss of more than a few lives and appreciable economic loss - about 30 homes, the Town of Scituate Pump Station, Country Way Road and Driftway)

According to COE "Recommended Guidelines" the hazard and size classifications of the dam indicate a test flood between the 1/2 PMF and PMF.

Since the dam is relateively low in height, we will use the 1/2 PMF. Due to the topography of the land we consider the 500 yr. flood to give a reasonable approximation of a 1/2 PMF for this dam.

The U.S.G.S. Regional Equations for Eastern Massachusetts were applied to the drainage area above the dam to determine the 500 year peak discharge reaching the reservoir.

Drainage area = 4.44 square miles Main Channel Slope = 18.9 ft./mile

 $Q_{500} = 82.10 \times A^{0.798} \times S_1^{0.280}$

Q500 = 614 CFS

PMF from COE "Preliminary Guidance" = 820 CFS

Stage Storage Curve

The storage at the spillway crest (h = 0, 40' MSL) is 535 acre-feet. The reservoir surface area at elevation 40.0 MSL is 64 acres. Assuming this surface area and no

spreading as the reservoir rises:

Surcharge Storage = 64h

Total Storage = 535 + 64h

For the drainage area of 4.44 square miles or 2841 acres:

1" of runoff = $\frac{2841(1")}{12"/\text{foot}}$ = 236.8 acre-feet

1 acre-foot = 1/236.8 = .0042" of runoff

Surcharge Storage to the dam crest

= 6.75(64) = 432 acre-feet = 1.8" of runoff

At the dam crest, total storage is 535 + 432 =

967 acre-feet.

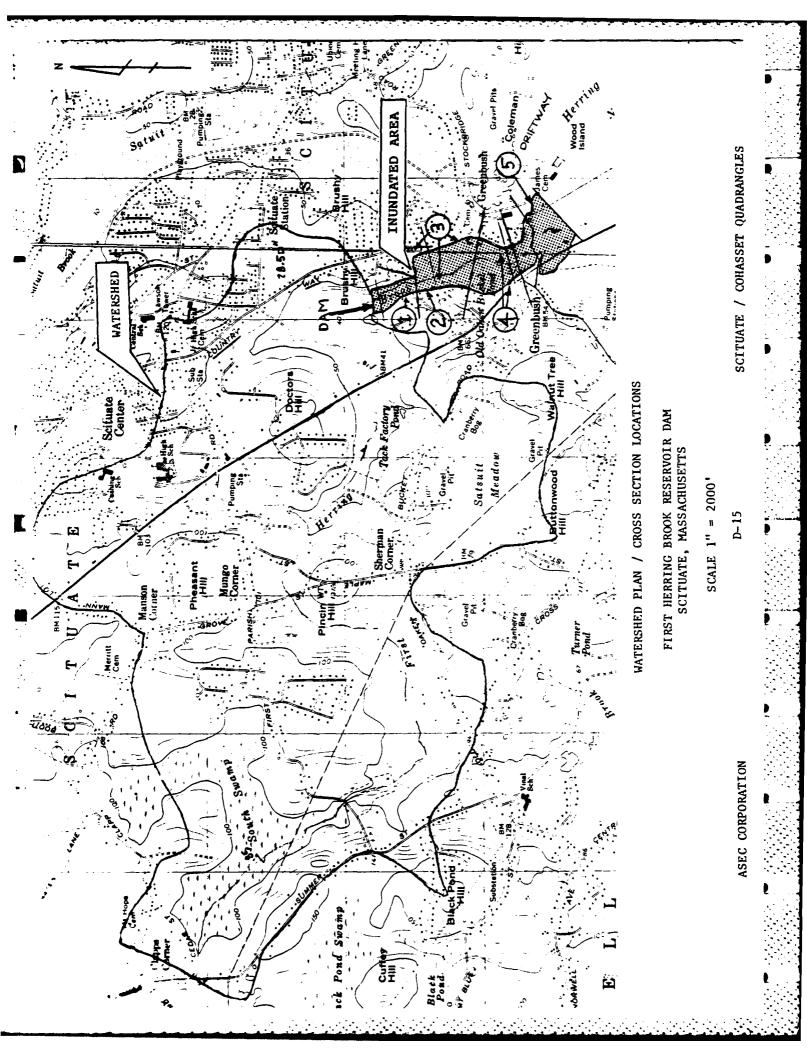
The stage-surcharge storage curve is given on Graph 13.

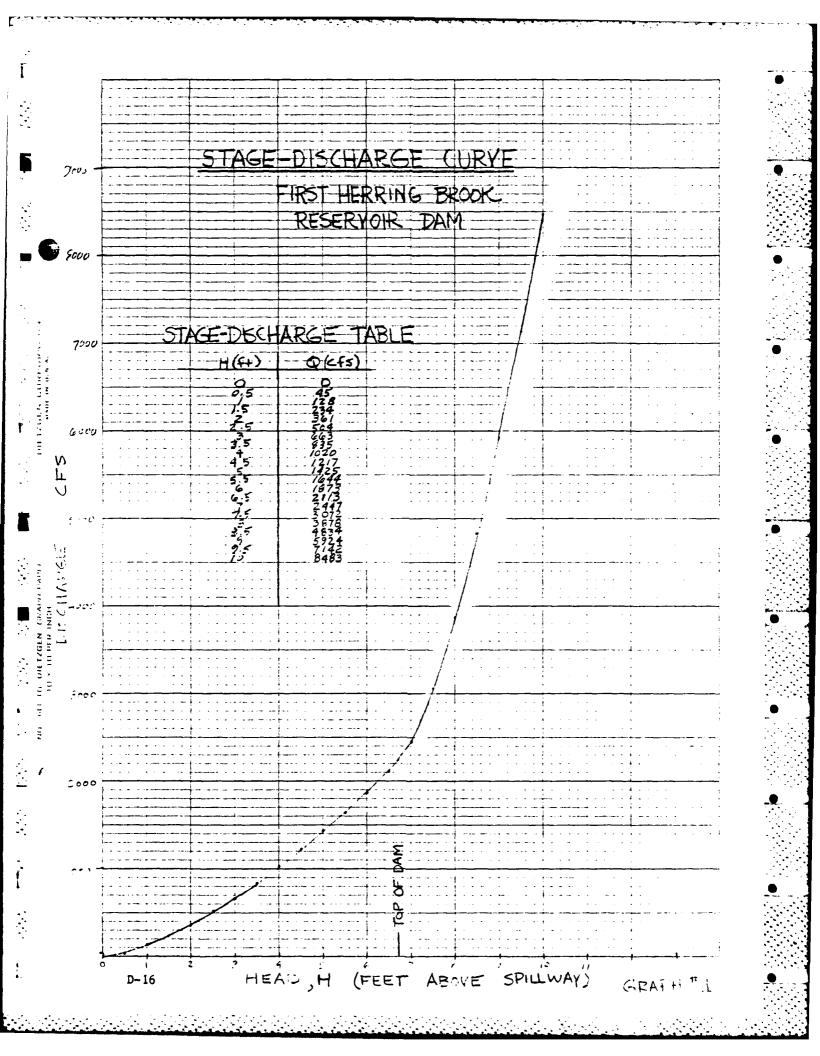
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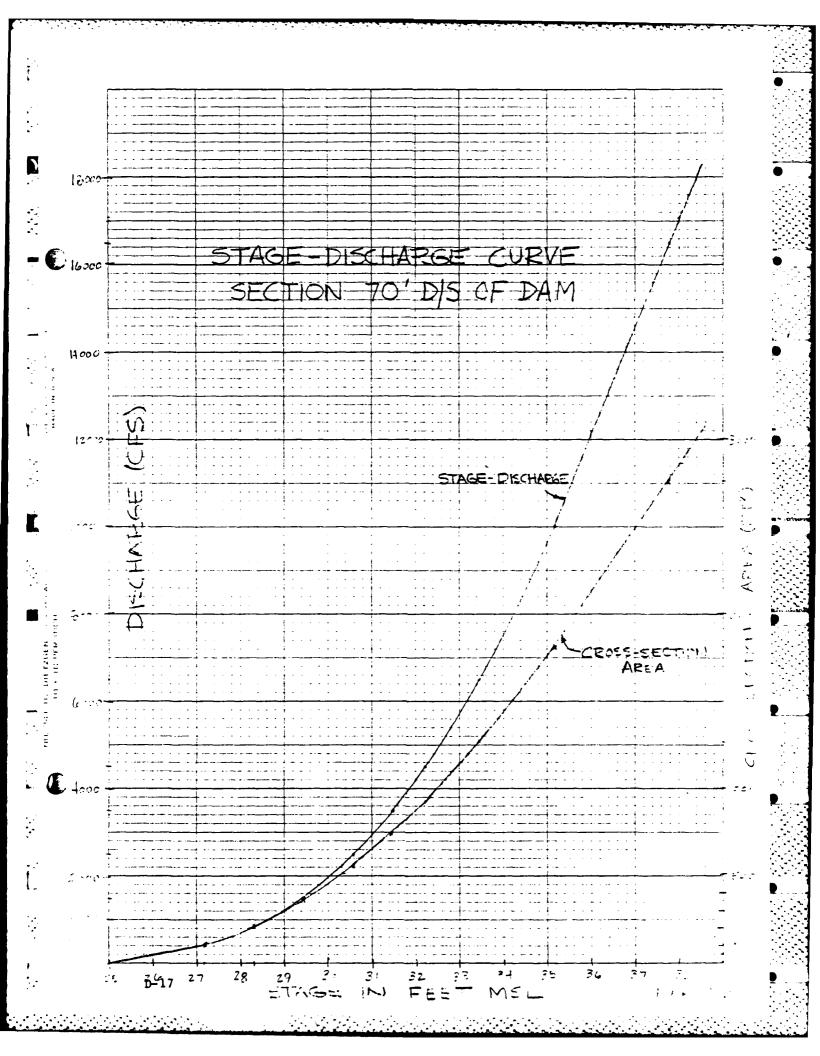
The peak test flood outflow is 510 CFS, with a corresponding stage of 42.5' MSL, which is 2.5' above spillway crest and 4.25' below the dam crest.

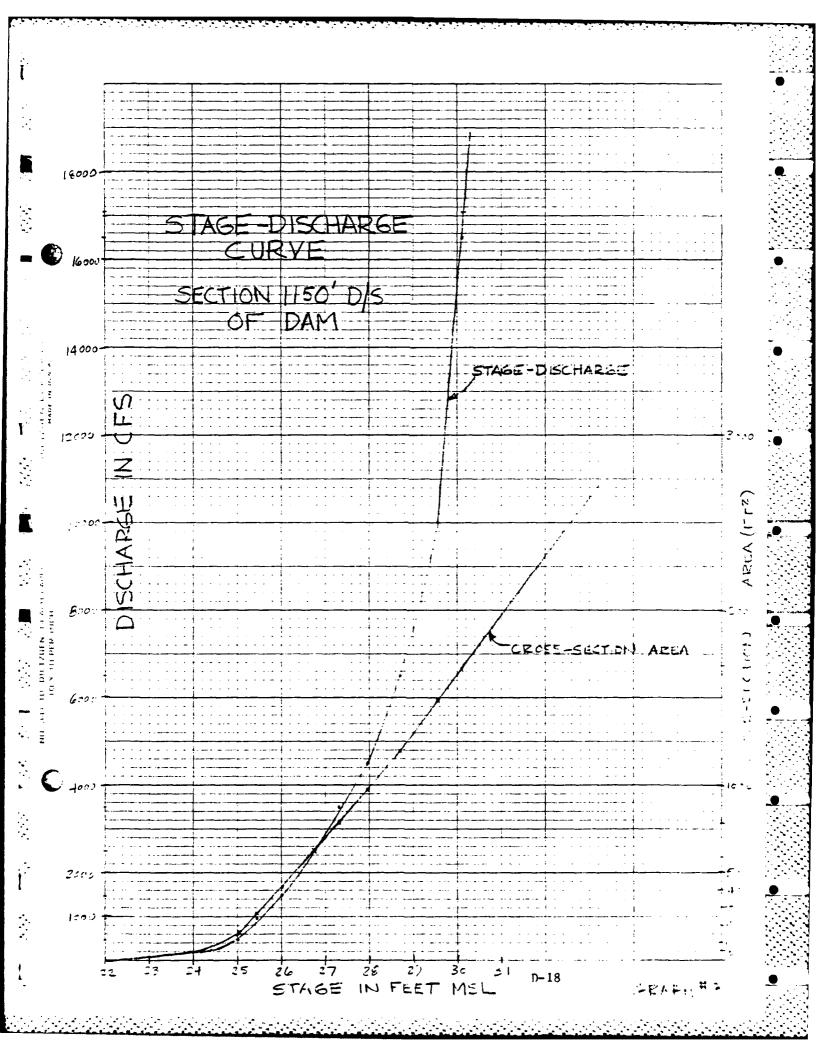
The spillway can easily handle test flood discharge without overtopping of the dam embankments.

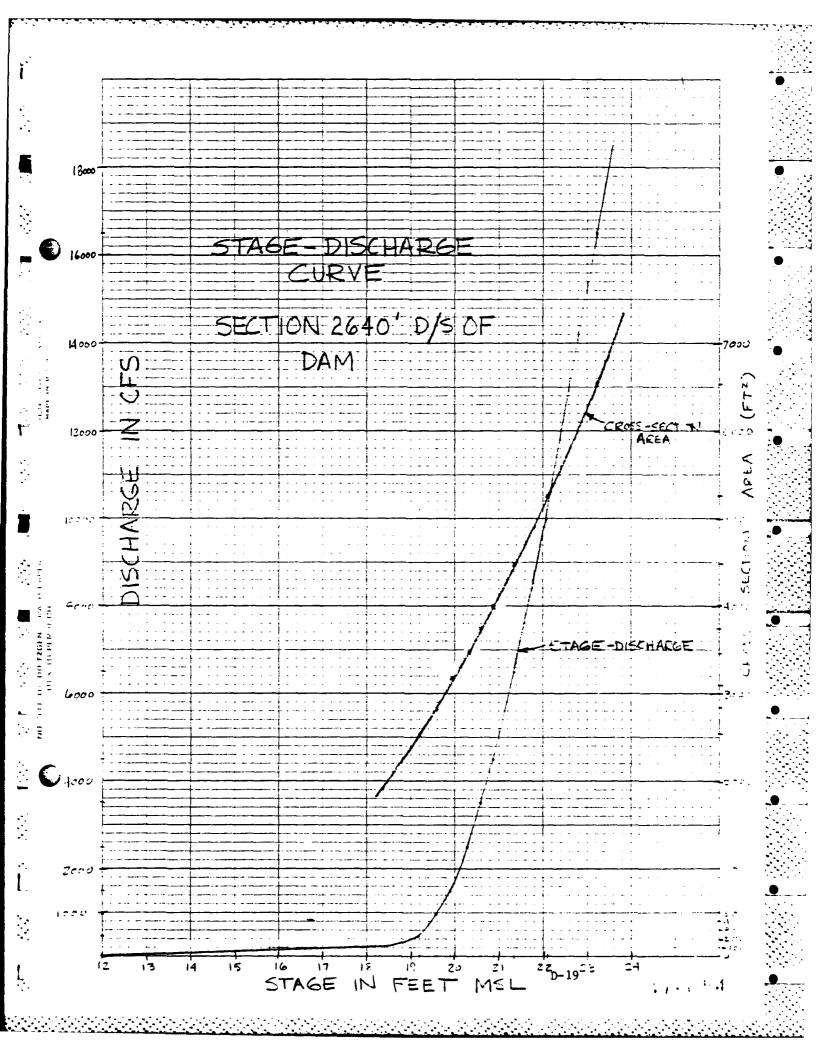
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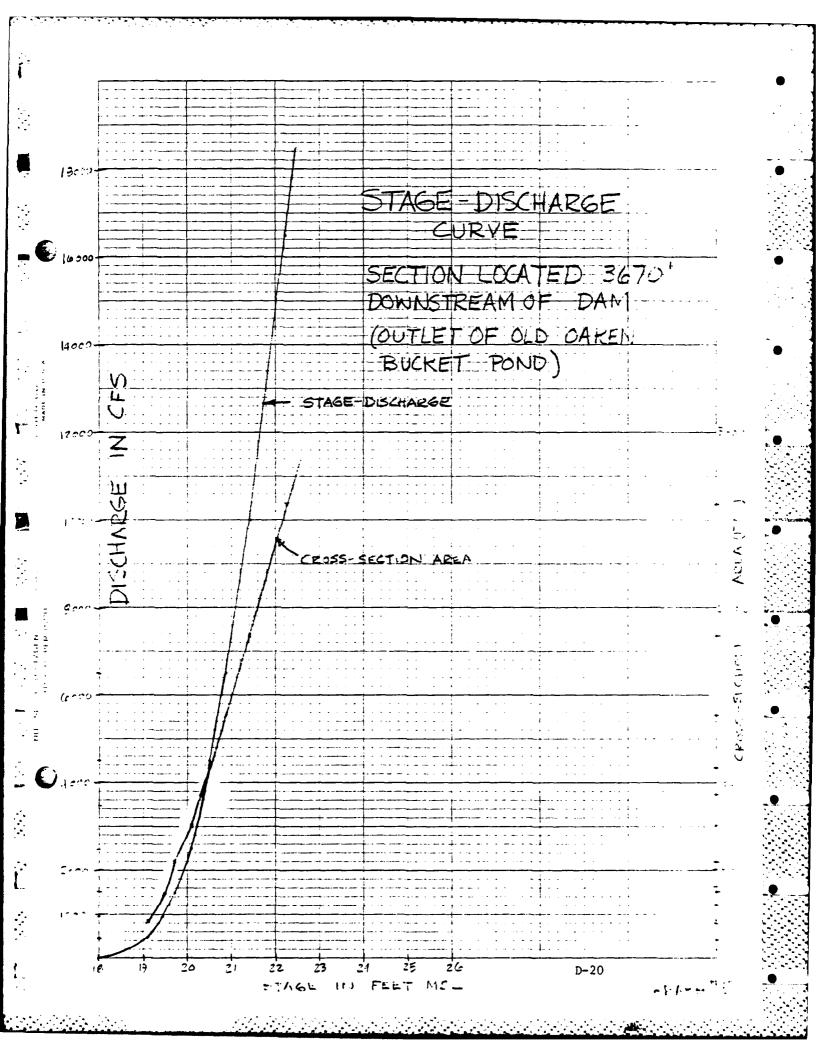


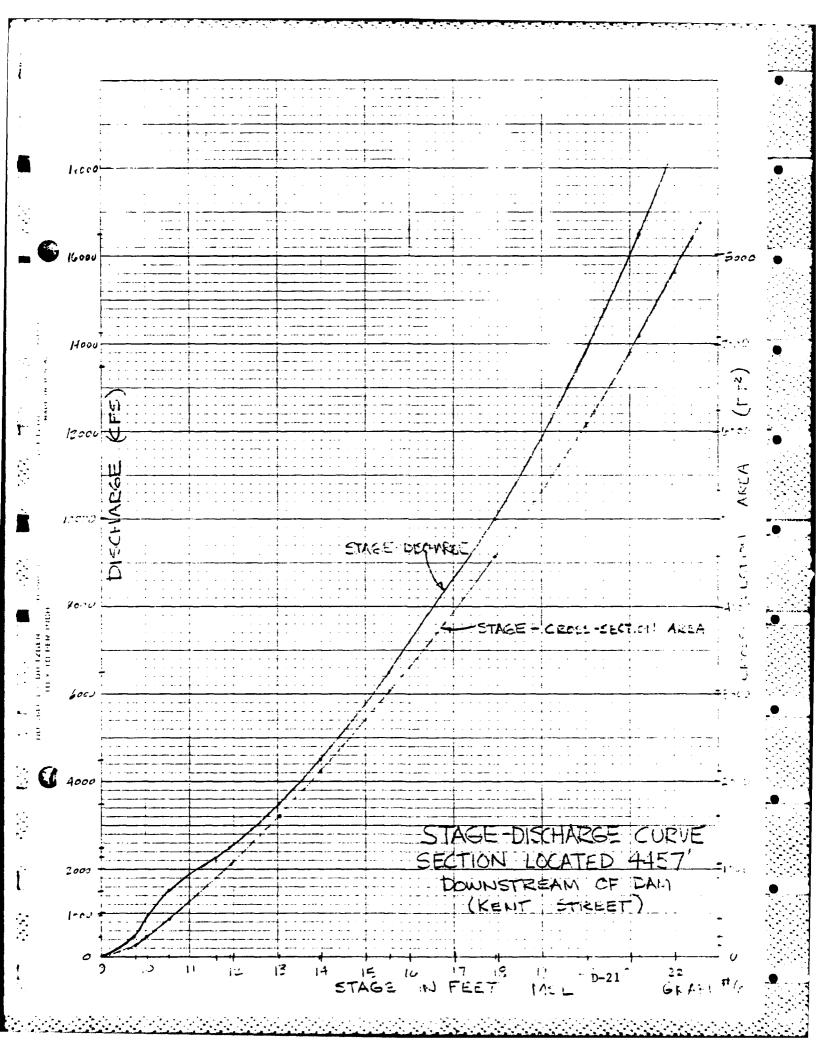


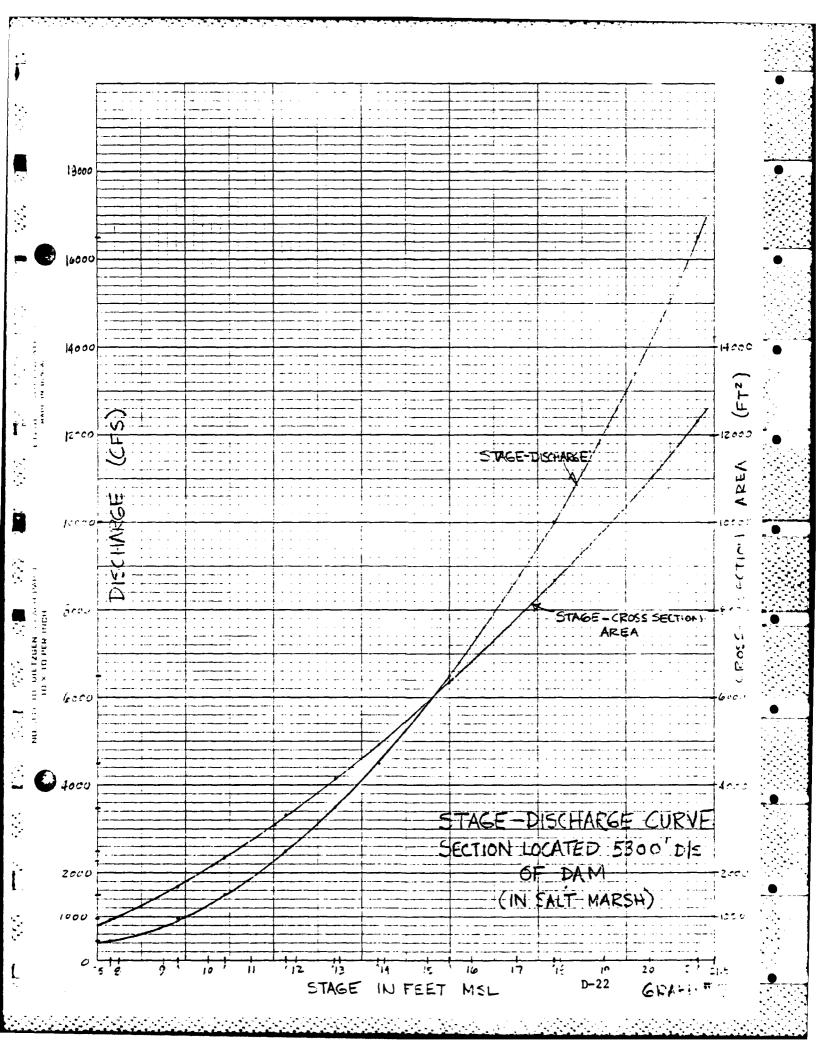


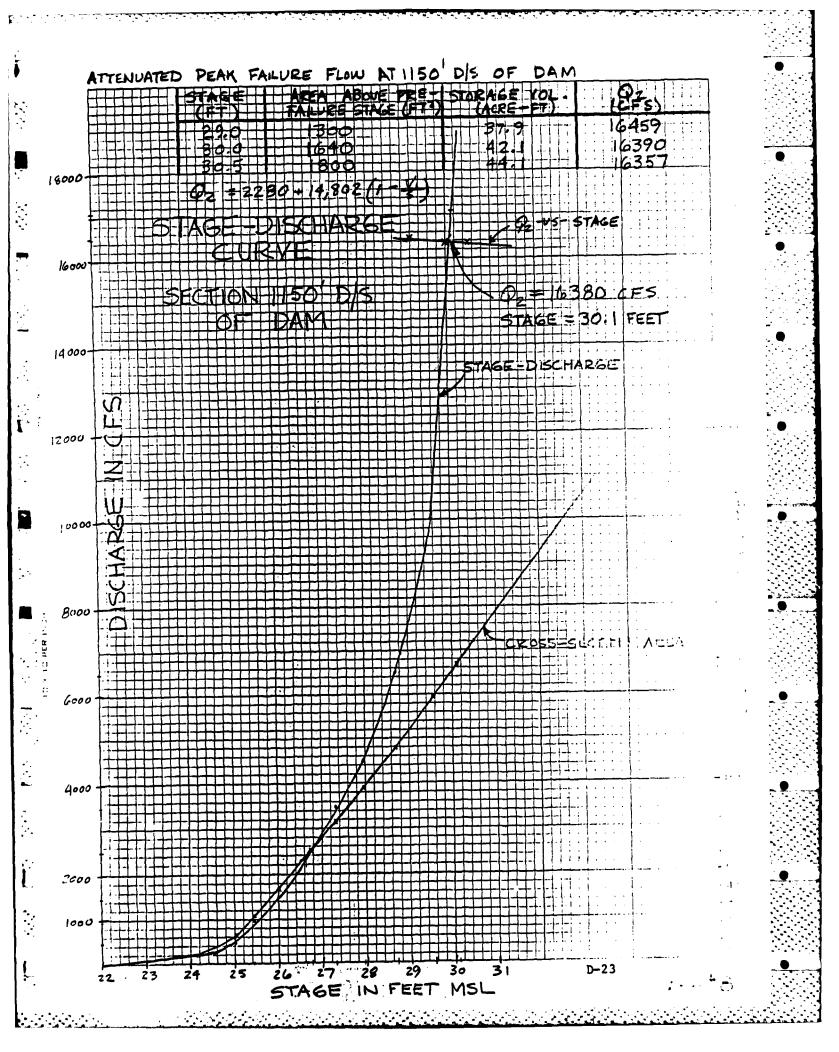


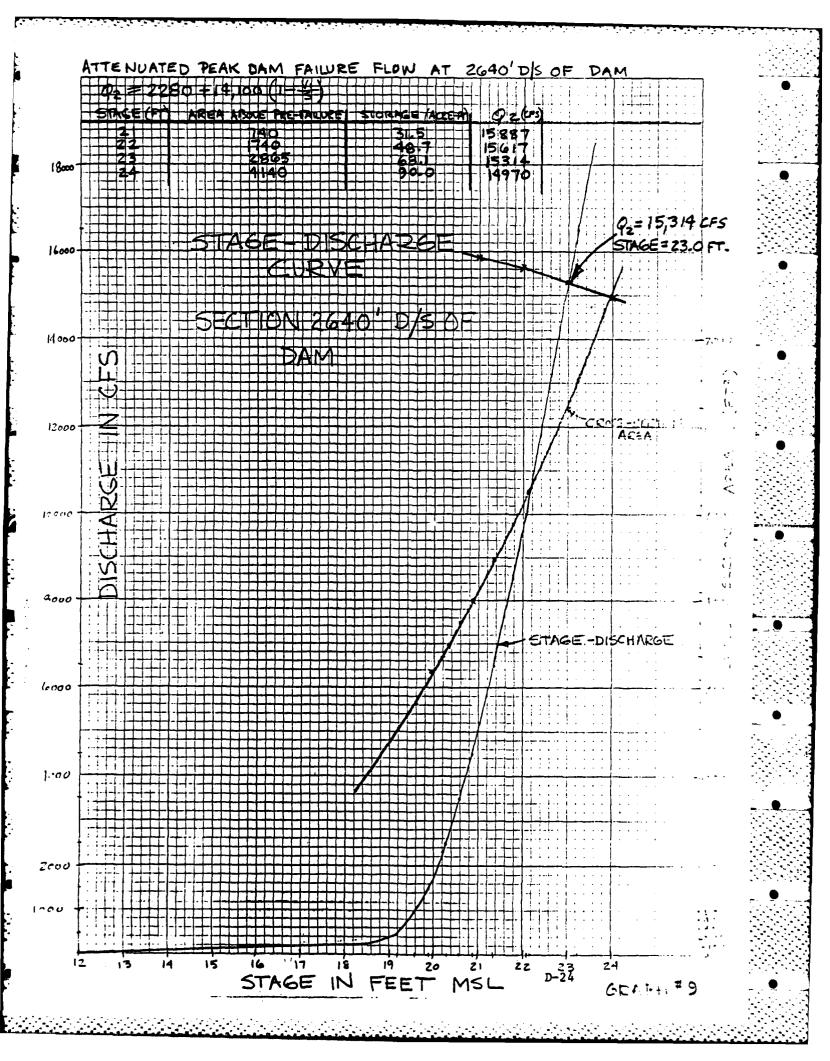


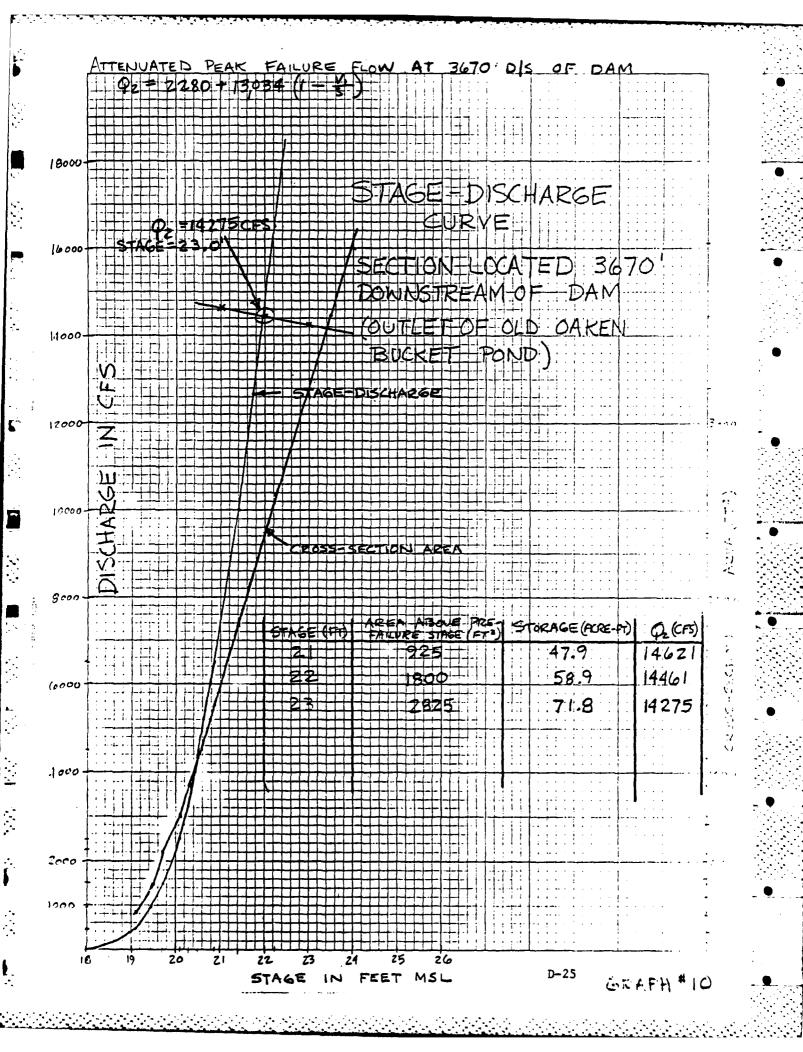


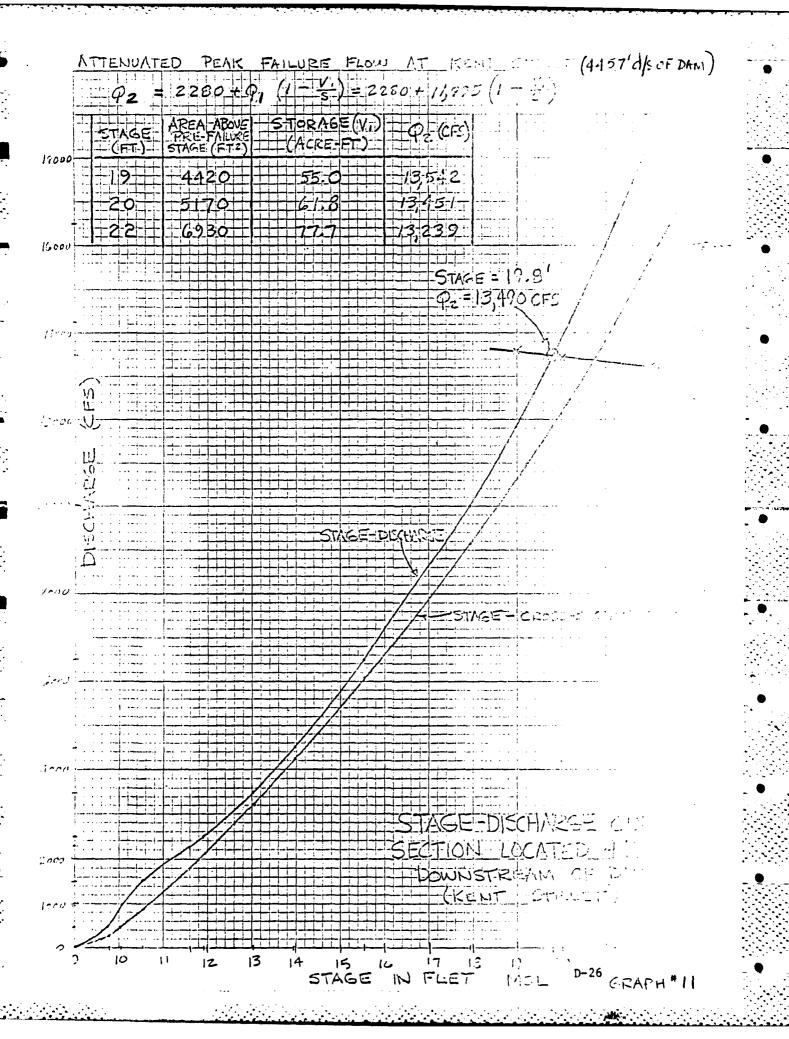


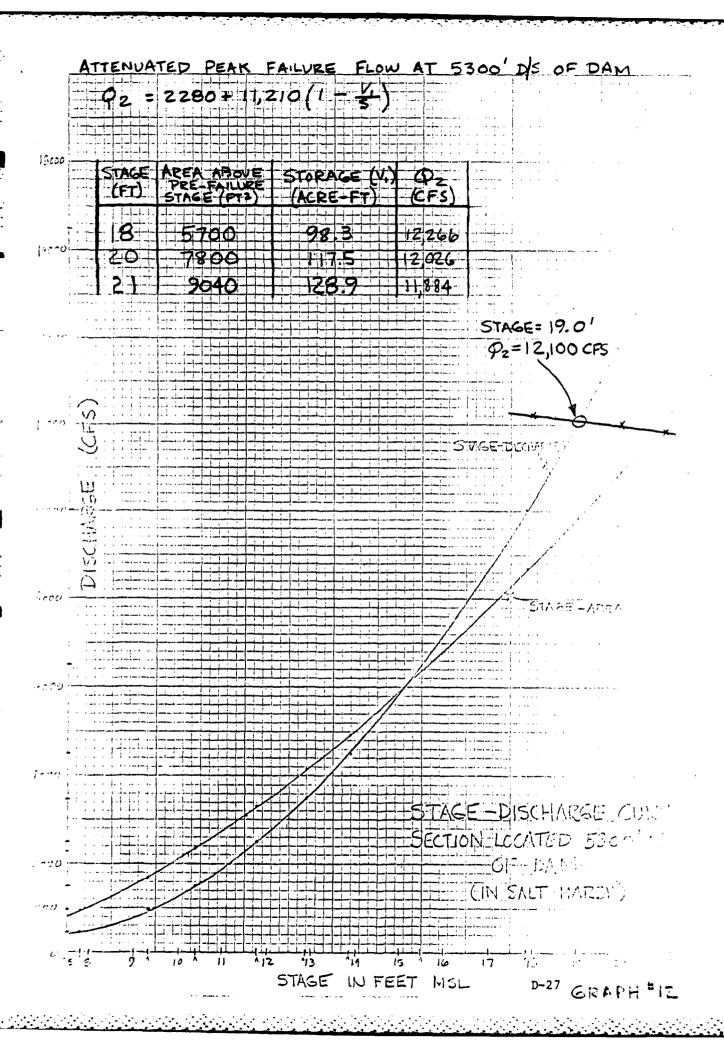


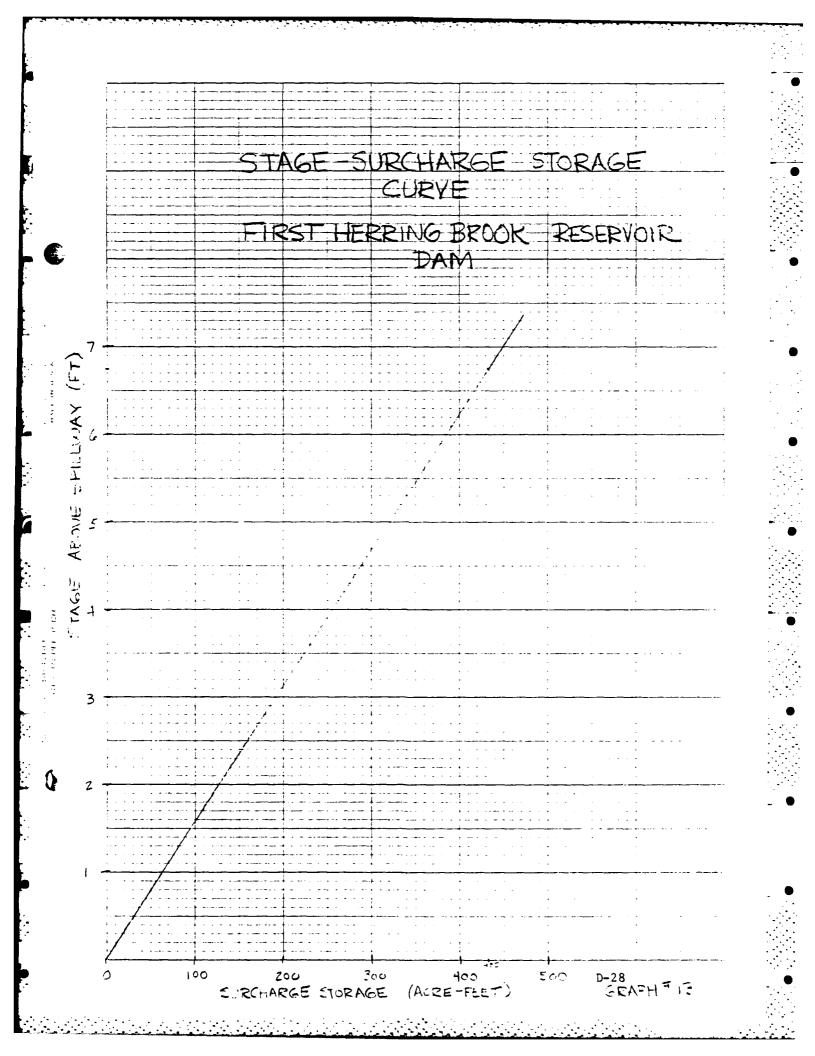


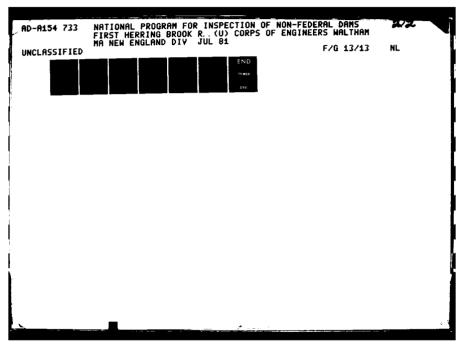






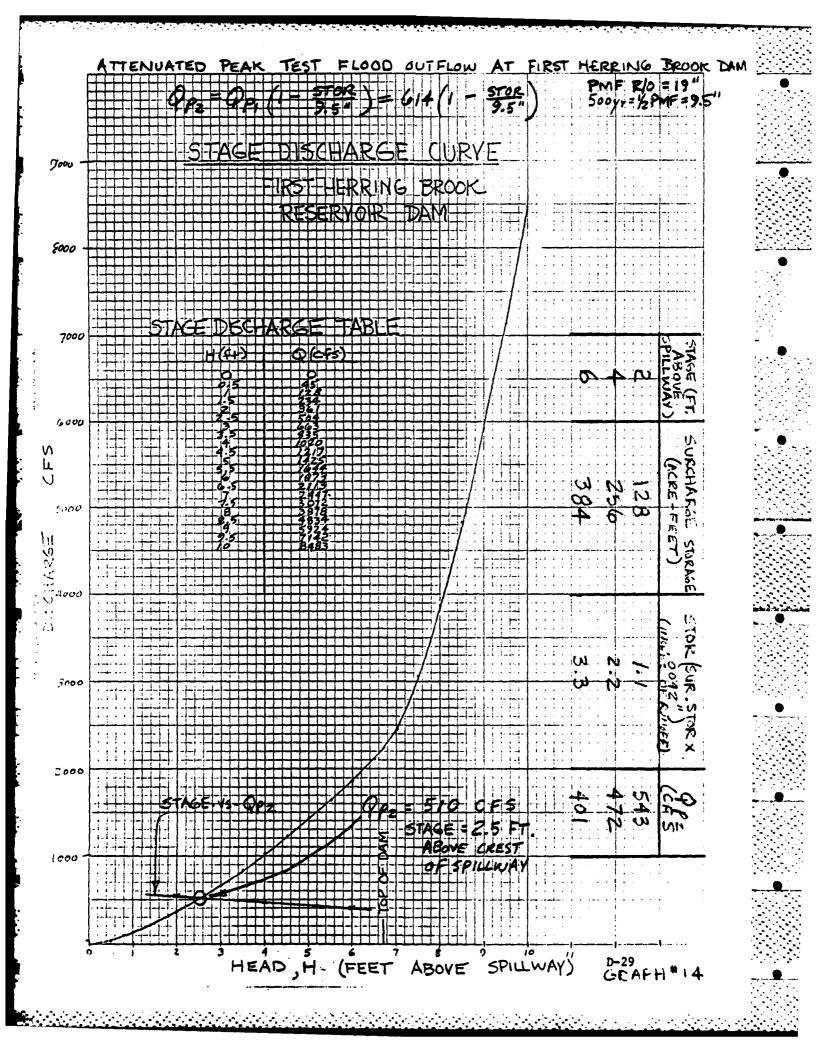








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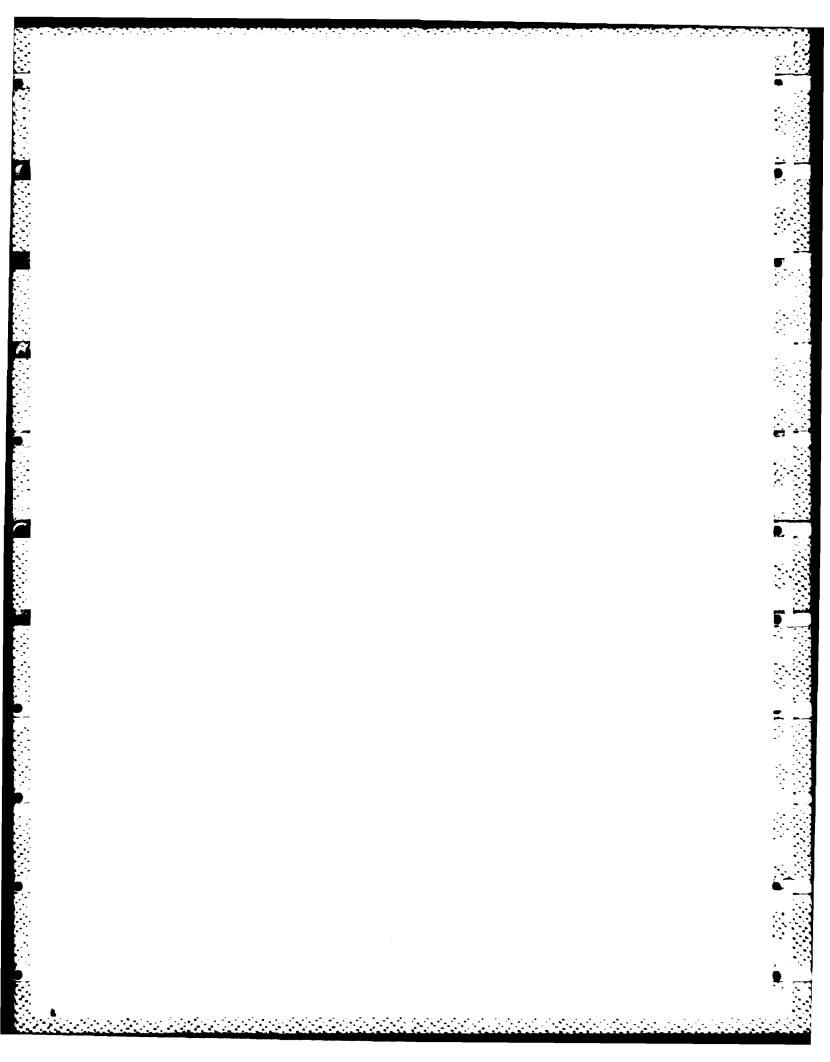


APPENDIX E

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